# U.K. Yields In La Opening Way To Expansion Backbenchers Attack Major for 'Compron' Pispute on Voti

By John Darnton

New York Times Service

LONDON — Britain yielded Tuesday in a bitter dispute over voting rights in the European Union, paving the way for the admission of three Scandinavian countries and Austria next

Although o claimed to have won a "compro-mise" from the other countries in finally settling the dispute over voting procedures, the government was attacked in the House of Commons by its own backbenchers, as well as the opposition, for picking a needless fight with its

German muscle helped bring the deal, Page 2.

European partners and then being forced into a humiliating "climbdown."

Amid reports of a divisive cabinet meeting Tuesday morning, the episode was seen hy commentators as another setback for Prime Minister John Major. Only a week ago, he was talking tough and suggesting that Britain would rather see the enlargement of the EU delayed than give in on what he said was an issue of

Members of Parliament gasped Tuesday as Tony Marlow, a maverick Conservative, rose to charge that Mr. Major had "no authority, credibility or identifiable policy in this vital area," and said he should "stand aside and make way for somebody else who can provide the party and the country with direction and leadership."

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Mr. Major looked shaken by the tirade, which marked the first time anyone could remember that a Conservative had faced a leader of his party in the House and advised him to resign. Opposition Labor members cheered for Mr. Marlow to be given more time to speak. The dispute that held up enlargement of the

union was on the surface an arcane dispute over how many votes would be needed for a minority of EU countries to be able to block decisions of the majority once the four new members join.

But it dredged up fears that the union, which began as a six-member trading bloc in 1957, had grown into a tightly knit political and economic colossus whose laws and regulations reach deep into the lives of its member states. Nowhere are these fears felt more strongly than in Britain, where the Conservative Party is naer the spen of its r called "Euroskeptics," under the spiritual lead-

ership of Mr. Major's predecessor, Lady Thatcher, oow in the House of Lords, argue fervently that British sovereignty is being gobbled up by a federal superstate in Brussels. In the new set-up, if Austria, Sweden, Norway and Finland join, the total votes will rise to

90. Ten countries wanted the blocking minority to rise proportionately to 27, but Britain and Spain wanted it to remain at 23. As things stand, a decision can be blocked by two large states and a small state. Under the oew arrange ment, it would take three large states or two large ones and two or more small ones.

Britain defended the position in rounds of talks in Brussels and elsewhere and went down to the wire in negotiations in Greece this weekend. As part of a package that was presented to the Commons today, Mr. Major said that while 27 votes would be required to block a decision, 23 would be enough for a "reasonable" delay. The length of the delay had not been speci-

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shots were fired that triggered two wars in the

Balkans and the worst atrocities in Europe

since World War II, a solution is emerging from

Created in Washington, Moscow, Geneva and the capitals of Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia,

The peace process, restarted after the Feb. 5

killing of 68 people in Sarajevo's open-air mar-

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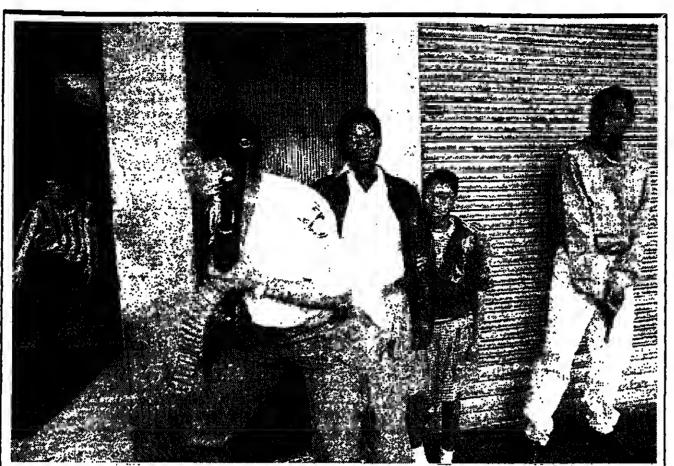
the ashes of what used to be Yugoslavia.

the plan aims to remake the region.

ZAGREB, Croatia - Three years after the

Remake Plan for Balkans:

Urgent, Risky, Two-Faced



Youths sheltering with Johannesburg policemen after reports of sniper fire raised tensions Tuesday, a day after a deadly protest.

# South Africans Delay Peace Talks

By Paul Taylor

Washington Post Service
JOHANNESBURG — South Africa's preelection tensions rose several more degrees Tuesday as a proposed meeting of Zulu, ANC and government leaders to defuse political violence was postponed and the head of an anti-election party predicted war if the voting itself was oot delayed.

King Goodwill Zwelithini of the Zulus asked for a postponement of a meeting that had been hastily arranged following gum battles Monday in which at least 53 people were killed and hundreds were wounded when armed Zulus who oppose the elections marched into Johannesburg's central business district and encountered what appeared to be sniper fire.

The king said it would be inappropriate to hold the talks, scheduled to have started

Wednesday, before the victims of the carnage had been buried. Negotiators said they expected to be able to reschedule the meeting for the week after Easter. It is to be attended by King Goodwill; President Frederik W. de Klerk, the African National Congress presi-dent, Nelson Mandela; and the Zulu-dominated Inkatha Freedom Party chairman, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

Chief Buthelezi hlamed the ANC for the killings and made clear his intention to treat the dead as martyrs in his anti-election campaign. He called for a nationwide Zulu day of mourning on April 27, in the middle of the three-day election period.

He also warned that the massacre at Shell House, the ANC national beadquarters building, "shows that we have now entered a final struggle to the finish between the ANC

and the Zulu nation unless there is an extension of the voting date deadline."

Despite the hardening of political positions

after one of the worst days of violence in South Africa's modern history, the officials charged with supervising and running the election, the Transitional Executive Council and the Independent Electoral Commission—pressed ahead with steps to preserve the election date and assure free political activity.

The council adopted a resolution that would give South African Defense Forces greater powers to maintain order in the black homeland of KwaZulu and its surrounding province of Natal, where Zulu-based resistance to the election has contributed to a record 266 political deaths this month. The chairman of the council, Johan

Kriegler, said he saw oo reason, despite rising See SUMMIT, Page 6

# Ally Challenges Berlusconi Over **Forming Cabinet**

ROME - Less than a day after Italy's rightist alliance, led by the media tycoon Silvio Berlusconi, surged to victory in watershed national elections, a power struggle within the alliance's ranks raised questions Tuesday about its ability to form a stable government.

share in the previous Parliament and more than enough to scuttle the rightist parliamentary majority.

At the same time, some commentators began to express concern that the strong showing by the neofascist National Alliance would bring a resurgence of extremism 51 years after the fall of fascism in 1943.

When the neofascist leader Gianfranco Fini hailed about 2,000 supporters in Rome's Piazza del Popolo early Tuesday, hundreds of youths in the crowd gave straight-armed Fascist sa-lutes and chanted "Duce, Duce"—the rallying cry of the late dictator Benito Mussolini. Ever since the first computer projections

Ingredients that made Berlusconi rich helped him to success in politics. • Rightists hold absolute majority in lower house. Page 6.

emerged late Monday night, Mr. Beriusconi — whose party polled the highest percentage of the rightist vote, with around 20 percent of the ballots — has been talking as if the mantle of power should naturally fall to his 3-month-old Forza Italia party. A second member of the alliance, Mr. Fini,

the neofascist leader, whose party took about 12 percent of the overall vote, has said he would support a bid by Mr. Berlusconi for the prime minister's job.

By a tradition that is not always observed after Italian elections, the leader of the biggest party is usually asked to form a oew govern-

However, since Monday night, the leader of the third party on the right, the Northern League separatist Umberto Bossi, has said he would oot support Mr. Berlusconi as prime minister because his huge business interests in television, supermarkets, advertising and publishing were in conflict with the national inter-

The dispute sharpened further Tuesday with a Northern League statement demanding that it should lead the country "in the oew phase of the great, peaceful, federalist revolution." "The Italian people expect that the Northern

League should be entrusted with the role of the governing elite," it said. The statement drew no immediate response from Mr. Berlusconi, who had responded to earlier threats by Mr. Bossi to pull out of the alliance by calling him a traitor.

"The parties that campaigned with us must form a government with us," he said. "Anything else would be high treason." Mr. Fini, the oeofascist leader, said he would

oever accept a prime minister from the Northern League, reflecting the deep ideological and personality divisions between the two parties.

In what seemed a slight softening of his position Tuesday night, Mr. Bossi said in Milan: "I think we'll manage to have a govern-ment with the parties chosen by the voters." But he left open the questions of its composition

The league polled only 8 percent of the bal-lots, but, under Italy's new voting system mixing direct and proportional ballots, the percentage left Mr. Bossi's followers claiming to have taken 106 seats in the lower house -twice its

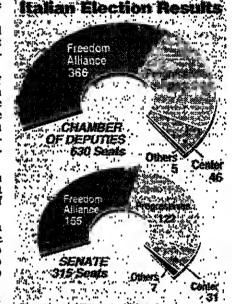
Some analysts took the league's hard-nosed position as the start of bitter and protracted negotiations in the traditional Italian manner on the formation of a new government after the new Parliament convenes for the first time to

elect its two speakers on April 15.

"Behind the great change, there was to be seen the usual Italian, political uncertainty, unstable if not ungovernable, seeking only cease-fires or revenge," said Marcellor Sorgi, a columnist for La Stampa. Mr. Berlusconi and Mr. Fini met in Rome without Mr. Bossi on Tuesday to begin negociations for a coalition.
"We spoke of everything, including Bossi," Mr.

It is by no means clear how the supporters of the Nothern League's chief would react to a pullont from the coalition that would leave them isolated from the center of power in

The rightist landshide in the lower house, more used to razor-thin majorities, seemed to reflect the rage of many Italians toward the disgraced Christian Democrats and their allies See ITALY, Page 6



Freedom Alliance (Right): Includes Forza Italia, National Alliance, and Northern League,

Progressives (Left):
Ancieries Democratic Party of the Left
(PDS), Communist Retoundation and
La Rete.
Center Center: includes Pact for Rely and

Popular Party.
Source: Reuters

drawing the preferential trade status would ruin ties with one of the world's largest and fastest-

directly to human rights, and have urged that in the future there be multiyear extension of the deal and no rights conditions. Mr. Lord echoed that sentiment Tuesday.

early 1991. They have since declared an inde-pendent "Republic of the Serb Krajina" there.

However the peace process turns out, it is a watershed for the United States and Russia.

Diplomats from both nations said none of the

recent success could have occurred without

The joint effort was continuing Tuesday as

Peter W. Galbraith, the U.S. ambassador to

Croatia, joined a Russian envoy, Vitali I. Churkin, at a second round of talks in Zagreb aimed at carrying out an enduring cease-fire in Cro-

The new peace scheme mixes idealism and realpolitik. In some areas, like Bosnia, it seems

to reward the use of force. In others, diplomats

have vowed, the results of force will be rolled

back. While one part of the accord seeks to plant seeds of multiculturalism and pluralism,

the other essentially ratifies a harvest of ultra-

The two-faced nature of the plan is in some

President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia. be-

ways inevitable, given the international com-

munity's slow and often contradictory re-

lieved to be the architect of the wars in Croatia

and Bosnia, is the key to the emerging plan. If

he agrees to sacrifice Serb-held Croatia for a

large piece of Bosnia, then international eco-nomic sanctions would be eased and Mr. Milo-

sevic could find himself leading a greatly ex-

nationalism and "ethnic cleansing

II S -Russian teamwork.

# U.S. Hints at Alternatives in China Rift

WASHINGTON - Selectively withdrawing U.S. trade benefits to Chinese state-owned enterprises instead of broader sanctions could be a way to address China's absence of progress on man rights issues, Winston Lord, the assistant U.S. secretary of state, said Tuesday.

Mr. Lord said a targeted withdrawal of the benefits, known as most-favored-nation status, would be aimed at lessening the impact of the action on U.S. husiness and other "innocent bystanders," such as Hong Kong and Taiwan. Many U.S. businesses are worried that with-

U.S. officials also have expressed concerns that President Bill Clinton may have boxed himself into a corner by tying the status so

"I think there's an overwhelming view in the

that it would be much preferable to have a broader foundation for our relations and not have so much weight put on this annual debate," he said.

> He also said dissension within the Clinton administration and between the White House and Congress was undermining its ability to strike an agreement with China on rights issues. "There ought to be more unity within the government," he said.

Withdrawing the status only from Chinese state-owned enterprises in the absence of progress on rights, trade and nuclear proliferation ssues was part of a bill passed by Congress in

comes up for renewal on June 3. "In principle it's a good theory and one should be looking at it," Mr. Lord said.

He said the United States and China were working quietly on resolving the human rights (Reuters, Bloomberg, AFP)

The concept was included again in widely

supported legislation that was introduced in

Congress last year. But congressional action

was preempted by President Clinton's decision

to issue an executive order insisting China

make overall significant progress on rights or

risk losing most-favored-nation status when it

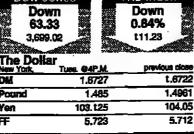
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VIGIL - A South Korean border guard, left, keeping watch Tuesday, as both sides lowered the tone. Page 6.

# **Mexican Party** Picks Candidate

Mexico's governing party chose Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León, a Yale-trained economist and former education minister, as its candidate in the August presidential ge 7)



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# Tokyo's Trade Cure Falls Short, U.S. Says

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches WASHINGTON - Mickey Kantor, the

U.S. trade representative, poured cold water Tuesday on Japan's latest plan to open its markets to imports, calling it a "half-finished work" that did not meet President Bill Clinton's

"The plan does not represent concrete steps," Mr. Kantor said. As a result, he said, the United States will not reopen the trade talks soon with Japan. The talks ended on Feb. 11, when Mr. Clinton and Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa failed to agree on how best to cut Japan's \$131 billion annual surplus.

Mr. Kantor's comments, although they did not constitute a categorical rejection, had an immediate effect on financial markets already made jittery by rising interest rates. The Dow Jones industrial average of blue-

chip U.S. stocks plunged after he spoke, to a loss of more than 60 points on the day. The dollar weakened against the yen, closing at 103.125 yen, as a result of renewed fear of beightened trade tensions. The dollar had been

and was near 106.50 yen last week.

Despite his reservadons, Mr. Kantor said, "We're not discouraged," and added: "Our door is opened and we are prepared to work with our ally with this." Japan's government said Tuesday that it

would spend the next three months on steps to cut bureaucratic red tape in 11 key areas where foreign companies say it is too difficult to enter the market, such as insurance, retailing, pharmaceuticals and food. But Japan said it would not decide ontil June on the specifics of bringing product regulations and standards more in line with world norms.

Plans should be ready by June to expand public works spending and to extend a \$56 billion tax cut past this year, Japan said. Wash-ington has been demanded both steps in the lief that they would perk up Japan's economy and bolster purchases of foreign goods.

The Japanese proposal represents a slight improvement in the area of government procurement, Mr. Kantor said. But he added that

trading at 103.60 year before Mr. Kantor spoke, the U.S. position was that there was no progress in any other of the key areas.

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Calling the package a "big disappointment," Michael Hartnett, an economist at Schroders Securities in Tokyo, said: "The reason the surplus is so high is because of trade restrictions. That's what the package was meant to attack, and it has failed to attack that." "The problem with Japan has not been regu-

lation on the books," said Alan Tonelson, research director of the Economic Strategy Institute in Washington. "It's the informal business practices that are not on the books." Japanese officials sought to play up the sig-

nificance of the package. Mr. Hosokawa said it was a first step toward increased liberalization of Japan's markets. "These measures identify the path of such economic reform," he said.

The government also said it would agree to U.S. demands to strengthen the investigative powers of Japan's Fair Trade Commission by

promising that Japan's Anti-Monopoly Law would be "strictly enforced."

# Masters and Johnson: Old but Still at It

By Martha Sherrill Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - They were oot carrying stopwatches and thermometers or wearing white lab coats, but no two people have ever talked so candidly about sex as much as Masters and Johnson and continued to be so hopelessly unsexy.

At the Four Seasons Hotel, they entered the lounge looking like two senior citizens in desperate need of a Caribbean cruise. Divorced after 21 years of study and research and experimentation, they have just finished collaborating on a gigantic book, "Heterosexuality." It is not an academic text for diehards like them, but a guide for your average sexually curious person. Virginia E. Johnson, 69, carefully sat down

and placed her tiny Bottega Veneta handbag on her lap, a rather telling position perhaps to Sigmund Freud. She is likable, and a little secluded emotionally. She did not talk in terms of the subconscious or dark lingering monsters, hast used words like "response" and "impulse" and then, finally, refreshingly, something as unmedical as "intimacy."

"There was a rush to make sex recreational, to make it fun and games," Mrs. Johnson said of the '60s and '70s. "And ignoring the things that make sexual response occur, things that deepen a relationship, that give it color and endurance." Her former husband, Dr. William H. Mas-

ters, 78, found a chair beside her. He is bald, seemed to have trouble making eye contact and kept his lips pursed so firmly that they appeared to have vanished. It was clear he felt

Some people still think of him carrying his clipboard and peering through a two-way mirror as couples made love in his lab. When his first book, "Human Sexual Response was published in 1966, critics complained it was too clinical, too much about bodies and physiology and not enough about love and

The reason for our laboratory was to study the normal, in order to understand the dysfunctional," he said a bttle defensively. A younger, livelier fellow in blue pinstripes named Dr. Robert Kolodny - yet another co-author - kept chiming in. A physician who has worked at the Masters & Johnson

Institute in St. Louis for 25 years, he is infinitely more amusing and accessible than his former teachers and mentors, but he suffers from the nagging problem of not being nearly as famous. "People wanted Dr. Masters to write about

the psychology of love right off the bat," Dr. Kolodny said, "but it's a little like going into a French restaurant and saying, "Hey, where's the Chinese food?" " "Ahhh," Mrs. Johnson interrupted. "Bob,

I think a better analogy would be going into cardiac surgery and saying, "Where's the ro-mance, the valentines, the hearts and flow-

Dr. Kolodny brought his wife along, and Dr. Masters's new wife was there as well, all meringued blond hair and Chanelish suit. In a recent interview with The New York Times, Mrs. Johnson intimated that it wasn't so much a sex problem that caused their divorce last year, but that Dr. Masters seemed devoted to watching sports on televi-

Dr. Masters rubbed the arm of his chair See SEX, Page 2

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#### Bosnian capital, has moved forward with remarkable speed compared with the negotiations that sputtered along for months in Geneva. But, according to one diplomat, it has "a limited shelf life."

According to diplomats involved in the process, the emerging Balkans peace plan would allow the Serbs, who have been blamed for instigating the recent wars in Bosnia and Croatia, to keep much of the Bosnian territory they occupy, 72 percent of the country. It would largely ignore demands by the Bosnian Muslims that the estimated I million people driven

diplomats said. In retr hand ov atia that

from their homes be permitted to return, the

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# Behind EU Settlement, a Flexing of German Muscle

By Craig R. Whitney

New York Times Service

LONDON — Diplomats say that vigorous German diplomacy helped nurture a compromise about voting rights in the European Unioo that enabled all 12 existing members, including Britain, to agree to terms for the admission of the Nordic states and Austria next year.

But Germany's willingness to use mus-

cle to advance its interests has left some French officials feeling distinctly uneasy about their big neighbor, while their Brit-ish counterparts feel somewhat let down by Bonn's vigorous pushing of a compro-mise on voting rights within the 12-nation bloc that was finally accepted Tues-

day by Britain. French misgivings that the European Union would come under even greater German sway with the addition of the four new members next year, and possi-bly Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic around the turn of the century, are not shared in London, British officials

"We don't have to worry that the cen-ter of gravity will shift eastward," a Brit-ish official said.

But Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd told Parliament this week that Britain had thought the Germans supported its position on voting procedures, until Bonn began pushing a compromise last

**Bonn Calls** 

For Inquiry

**Into Leader** 

Of Rightists

BONN - Prosecutors opened an investigation Tuesday of a right-

ist political leader who accused the

head of Germany's Jewish community of provoking anti-Semitism.

Franz Schönhuber, head of the

Republican Party, could face

charges of incitement of hatred, slander and defamation for his

comments about Ignatz Bubis of the Central Council of Jews in Ger-

The inquiry cannot formally begin until Mr. Schönhuber's parliamentary immunity is lifted, said

Gerhard Zierl, spokesman for the

Justice Ministry in the state of Ba-

varia. Mr. Schönhober is a member

Mr. Schönhuber provoked wide-

spread outrage Sunday by charging that Mr. Bubis was "one of those

most responsible for provoking anti-Semitism." He made the com-

ment two days after a synagogue in

oorthern Germaoy was fire-

Most of the major political par-ties demanded that Mr. Schön-

huber be put on trial for the com-

and must be countered with all le-

Many established politicians

would like to cripple Mr. Schön-

huber's party to assure that it does

not get the 5 percent of the vote

needed to enter the federal parliament in Oct. 16 elections. Mr.

Mr. Schönhuber sued Mr. Bubis

for slander March 4 after Mr. Bubis

said he was one of the intellectual

authors behind neo-Nazi violence.

Mr. Bubis repeated his accusation

Saturday, the day after the Lübeck

synagogue was firebombed. Prose-

cutors suspect rightist extremists in

At a party rally Sunday, Mr. Schönhnber denied any role in the

violence. He claimed his party was

being victimized by the Jewish

The Republicans have seats in

state and local legislatures and re-

ceive lucrative state subsidies. Last

week, they won approval to open a

research organization in Bonn with

former Waffen SS sergeant, says he

is not a Nazi but stands for a strong

taxpayers' money.

independent Germany.

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Schönhuber's base is Bavaria.

oor, Edmund Stoiber.

"He brings shame on Bavaria

of the European Parliament.

Germany, which will take over the six-month presidency of the Union on July 1, has dominated the Greek presidency that began Jan. I, with Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel playing the key role in brokering terms for the admission of Finland Sweden Norway and Austria, ac-

cording to many diplomats.

Mr. Kinkel, a former intelligence chief
who often uses vigorous Swabian rusti-

The British say they do not share French misgivings that the EU will come under even greater German sway with the addition of new members.

cisms to make forceful points, virtually took over the chair at the key meetings in Brussels where diplomats say the terms for Norway's entry were thrashed out in rigorous negotiations with Spain about fishing quotas in Norwegian North Sea

The French Ambassador to Bonn, François Scheer, told German journalists later that Mr. Kinkel had shocked some of his colleagues by telling the Spaniards

By David Hoffman

STRIP — Israeli officials acknowl-

Palestine Liberacon Organization

who were gunned down by an un-

dercover unit Monday night were

Israeli soldiers, and were apparent-

Witnesses said a Palestinian who

Riots flared across the West

Bank and Gaza Strip. A youth, 16,

from the Bureij refugee camp here,

was killed by army gunfire during violent demonstrations, and 40

were reported wounded. Mean-

while, an Israeli, 70, was critically

wounded at a construction site near

Tel Aviv by two Palestinians from

Gaza wielding axes, the police said.

estinians on setting up a security

force in Hebron went ahead late Tuesday at an undisclosed location

in Cairo, but the PLO chairman

Yasser Arafat, charged that Israel

had assassinated Fatah activists.

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tivists in the Fatah wing of the setting up in Gaza in anticipation

Fatah Hawks.

their backs if they did not compromise — language Mr. Kinkel and his aides later

isted he never used. But the German foreign minister has repeatedly and publicly said that the European Union occded balance from wealthy Northern European countries to offset the financial drain of poorer recent additions from Southern Europe like Spain, Portugal and Greece.

France is sensitive about this, less because it considers itself as a Mediterranean country than hecause it has claimed, since 1957, to lead the movement toward closer European unity, with Germany as a key, but definitely junior, partner.
"It is not just the French who have

difficulty accepting the new position of Germany," Mr. Scheer told German ournalists. Mr. Kinkel, incensed, called the French ambassador to the Foreign Ministry for an explanation, and the tempest soon passed. But President François Mitterrand lat-

er went out of his way to receive Mr. Scheer in Paris, and the French daily Le Monde said that the French ambassador had been right. The character of Franco-German re-

lations has profoundly changed since unification, in style as well as content." the newspaper said.

Both France and Britain, when Marga-

Orthodox Jews washing their hands Tuesday in a traditional blessing ceremony before praying at the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

Washington Post Service said in Tunis. close range after they had been raeli forces continue to launch mili-ISRAELI-OCCUPIED GAZA Palestinians said the six who killed Palestinians also said one of tary operations against Palestin-

Israel Admits Killing 6 in PLO in Error

were killed were part of a security

of Israeli withdrawal. The security

apparatus had responsibility for

controlling younger activists who

not fugitives, did not shoot at the make up the armed gangs known as soldiers who were chasing whoever,

Israeli officials apologized for

the killings and expressed regret. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres

said the deaths were "very regretta-

hle" and "it wasn't done intention-

ally." An army spokesman said the

shootings were a "mistake" be-

cause the Palestinians were not tar-

gets. "It's not something we wanted to happen," the spokesman said.

The Israeli undercover unit

"stumbled" upon Fatah activists in

the Jabalya refugee camp, and did

not know they were affiliated with El Fatah and the PLO, army offi-

cials said. After seeing that the Palestinians were armed and wearing

fationes, the undercover unit an-

proached the Palestinians and

Separately, Palestinian witnesses

told the Israeli human rights group

Btselem that the undercover unit

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opened fire, the army said.

ret Thatcher was prime minister, tried to delay German unification in 1990, but her successor, John Major, has cultivated a good relationship with Chancellor Hel-

mons on Tuesday that he, too, hoped that Poland, Hungary and the Czech Repub-lic would join the European Union near

the turn of the century. The Germans hope that including them would help anchor economic and political stability in the tumultuous terri-tory that begins at Germany's eastern border, but some observers in France fear that it would push their country further toward the sidelines of a union it has always hoped to dominate. Britain insisted after terms for Nor-

way, Finland, Sweden and Austria were worked out that the number of weighted votes required to block European Unionwide decisions should stay at 23 instead of rising to 27 when four oew members come in and raise the total number of votes from 76 to 90.

Larger countries like Germany, Britain and France have 10 votes and small ones like Denmark and Ireland have three each, so what Britain wanted was to enable two larger countries and one smaller one to continue to be able to block Europe-wide measures they felt were not in

Spain, which has eight votes, also took

Greek compromise that decisions objected to by countries with a total of 23 votes should be delayed for a "reasonable period" and then approved unless there was a

total of 27 votes against them.

That left the British on the spot. "Britain against Europe cannot in our saner moments be our rallying cry," For-eign Secretary Douglas Hurd said last week before going off to negotiate the final compromise in Greece over the

The Germans kept up the pressure on the British and Spanish governments to endorse the compromise by Tuesday, to meet deadlines set by the European Parliament for ratification of the accession

The formula we found over the week end should be acceptable to Great Britain and Spain," Mr. Kinkel said. "A further delay in reaching agreement would block the accession of Sweden. Norway, Finland and Austria to the European Union. The future development the European Union is at stake."

Mr. Major, who did not say whether he found such statements helpful in British internal political debate, told Parliament on Tuesday that all other countries agreed that the whole voting system should be reviewed in 1996, and that the British government had therefore accepted the compromise as well.

## WORLD BRIEFS

## Balladur Seeks Pay-Plan Alternative: As Student Strikers Tie Up Traffic

PARIS (AP) — Students blocked highways in Paris and the provinces Tuesday while the government worked to find an alternative to a decree redocing the minimum wage for many young people that set off nation-

Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, his credibility shaken when he

suspended the law after vowing to stick with it, canceled a television appearance Tuesday night marking his first year in office.

Sindent leaders continued to plan for a demonstration Thursday in Paris to pressure the rightist government to fully withdraw the law, which cuts minimum wages for many youths. A teachers' union announced

Hundreds of students blocked the entrance to Paris from the main northern highway during Tuesday's rush hour, causing a major traffic jam. Earlier, they occupied a suburban train station, preventing trains from reaching the platforms and forcing passengers to get off in the

#### Shanghai Dissidents Urge Democracy

BELJING (AP) - In a new sign of resurgent political activism Shanghai dissidents said Tuesday they had sent the government an open letter demanding democratic change. The move is significant because it indicates that a recent round of police harassment and detentions has not dampened the dissidents' enthusiasm or halted their activity.

The letter sent Friday to the standing committee of the national legislature protests the recent large-scale police detentions. Also sent was

legislature protests the recent large-scale police detentions. Also sent was a 19-point political statement demanding the enactment of laws ensuring freedom of the press and of political activity.

It also demands the right to form independent labor unions, the end of Communist Party control over the police and military, and the removal of political crimes from the legal code, two signatories, Bao Ge and Yang Zhou, said in telephone interviews.

#### Sinn Fein Leader Calls for New Talks

LONDON (AFP) — Gerry Adams, the leader of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army, said he did not know in advance about mortar attacks by the IRA on London's Heathrow airport. In an interview Tuesday in Today newspaper, Mr. Adams appealed to the British government to "call the bluff of the IRA" by holding talks to clarify a joint declaration for peace in Northern Ireland. Following the first Heathrow mortar attack, Mr. Adams declined to condemn it and said that more "spectaculars" would take place. They did, although none of the mortars exploded.

But he told Today: "I had wanted to argue that this was a challenge.

But he told Today: "I had wanted to argue that this was a challeng that the conflict had not been resolved and that we must resolve it. Yes, I used the unfortunate term, 'spectacular.' I didn't know about the attacks.

#### Toll Heavy in Mozambique Storm

MAPUTO, Mozambique (AP) - More than I million people were homeless Tuesday after a cyclone and heavy rains struck oorthem

Carlos Cardoza, a journalist, said the toll stood at 24 dead and more than 200 injured, but authorities feared the figure would rise as reports came in from remote towns and villages. Government and United Nations rescue teams were supplying tents, food, medicine and drinking

water to areas in Nampula province.

The brunt of the cyclone hit Nacala, an Indian Ocean port about 2,000 kilometers (1,200 miles) north of Maputo, on Thursday night, sinking three boats. The storm then moved inland, destroying hundreds of thatched roofed homes. The cyclone was followed by heavy rains.

With more than 20 percent of ballots counted from Monday's vote for

a new assembly, government ministers had good backing and Mr.

Musevem's supporters fared particularly well in the south and southwest.

Mr. Museveni did not run for any of the 214 seats in the new constituent assembly, and campaigning on the basis of political parties was barred, but the polls pitted his supporters against critics demanding a faster transition to a multiparty system.

Museveni Backers Lead in Uganda KAMPALA (Renters) — Supporters of President Yoweri Museveni secured an early strong showing on Tuesday in Uganda's first real experiment with democracy, officials said.

ty deputies.

counted, the main opposition Motherland Party had 21 percent. The Social Democrat Populist Party, the junior coalition partner,

tionalist Action Party had 8 percent and the rest of the vote was divided among eight other parties. In final results, Welfare Party

members won 22 mayoral races; Motherland won 11; and the Social Democrats, True Path and Nationalist Action, seven each.

# Sinn Fein does oot go to the IRA for permission, and certainly the IRA

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

Turk Leader

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To Counter

**Extremists** 

ANKARA - Prime Minister Tansu Ciller on Tuesday urged rightist parties to unite after Islamic fundamentalists declared victory in Istanbul and Ankara and made striking gains in local elections across the country.

"The people have given the mes-sage that the right must unite," she told legislators of her center-right True Path Party, which narrowly outpolled the center-right Motherland Party for second place.

The victories by the fundamentalist Welfare Party in 22 mayoral races in Sunday's local elections undermined the nationwide support for True Path in other races.

Nationwide, Welfare doubled its vote to 18 percent compared with the previous local vote five years

Mrs. Ciller, whose party led local races across the oation with 22 percent, said it was time to unite center-right parties.

"This is the message the electorate gave us and they showed under which party they want this merger to happen," she told True Path Par-

With 84 percent of the vote

had 13 percent. The far-right Na-

Ransom Is Discussed for 'Scream'

OSLO (Reuters) — A group of Norwegian investors is discussing paying a ransom for one of the world's most famous paintings, "The Scream," a spokeswoman for Culture Minister Aase Kleveland said

ocgotiating with representatives of the purported thieves over a 5-million crown (about \$685,000) ransom for the 1893 Norwegian work. It was stolen from an Oslo gallery Feb. 12.

"The Scream," painted by Edvard Munch, shows a waif-like figure wide-mouthed in terror beneath a blood-red sky.

#### 13 Die in Kashmir Munitions Blast

SRINAGAR, India (AP) - An explosion at an army munitions depot killed at least 13 soldiers Tuesday and wounded 7, starting a huge fire. Rescue teams were continuing to search for victims. The Defense Ministry ruled out sabotage as the cause of the explosion.

The depot stored explosives and arms seized from Muslim separatists whose separatist movement in Kashmir turned violent four years ago. More than 8,500 people have been killed since then.

# SEX: Decades Later, Masters & Johnson Are Still at It

ians in the occupied territories.

even as Israel is preparing to with-

draw from parts of the Gaza Strip

and Jericho. Last week, Israeli sol-

house in Hebron, killing three Ha-

mas activists in a two-day siege.

diers bombarded an apartment

After the Israeli-Palestinian ac-

cord in September, there was an

informal cease-fire declared be-

tween El Fatah and the Israeli

troops. But the cease-fire crum-

bled, and Israeli troops shot and

killed a number of El Fatah activ-

ists, while others returned to taking

up arms against Israeli targets.

# Continued from Page 1

tage the peace process," Mr. Arafat shot the Palestinians in the head at said in Tunis.

The episode underscored how is raeli forces continue to launch mili.

the Fatah activists who was wound-

ed in the first round of fire was

killed at close range by an Israeli.

they would still be alive," a senior

Israeli official said. "A bunch of

such as Hamas, and they humped

into these Palestinians in fatigues,

armed, waving their weapons. So

they shot them. Then they find out

they are the wrong people - they

are Fatah. Blame it on a loaded

situation, many people are roaming

free with weapons. It was a kind of

"If this had happened at midday,

with long, tapered fingers. Mrs. Johnson leaned back, a little imperiously. Years ago, even Woody Allen made jokes about them. This is because, let's face it, the idea of these two cerebral people zealously studying sex in a lab is funny.

But why?

"I think the reason people are uncomfortable with sex." Dr. Mas-

ters said, "is that we still know so little about it."

"Some people still believe that sex is dirty, even after matrimony," said Mrs. Johnson. "Sometimes it pulse is." feels like nothing has changed. In spite of the incredible availability of sex-related material - in entertainment, in education, I feel like

we're back where we started." Dr. Kolodny provided another answers questions you might have viewpoint. "Why is sex embarrass—like why sexual desire for someting? Think of all the people in our body you have seen naked a million society with serious body-image problems. The women with weight problems who are constantly on diets. Men who are worried about the size of their penis or their bald heads or whatever. Anybody wor-

"Right," said Dr. Kolodny, "and these are people who create sexual problems for themselves inadvertently, by worry, by self-fulfilling prophecies that start out as simply poor sexual confidence or poor

It sounds so complicated it's amazing anybody does it.

"Shows you," Mrs. Johnson said, "how strong the reproductive im-

The book covers all kinds of new fronts - AIDS, infertility, teenage sex, plus endless problem-solving - "skills that people can try on

their own." Dr. Kolodny said. It times can fade — backed by the most amazing clinical research. One chapter deals with sexual appetites, and why some people seem to want more sex than others.

Dr. Kolodny tried to answer the

ried about their own inadequacy." eternal question: Why do people "Perceived or real," added Mrs. have affairs? Men usually have affairs to find

sexual variety and excitement," he said, "while women are more apt to have affairs looking for emotional returns." They used such words as "accou-

trements" and "gestalt." They talked about "meaningful dialogue" and doing "cross-cultural

And what if you're married and just doo't want to have sex any-

"If people have no interest in sex, is it possible to have a healthy, happy, contented marriage?" Dr. Kolodny asked, "Sure! Why should any experts be the arbiters? That's like telling someone they can't be a vegetarian.

"Let's just hope," said Mr. John-son, "that these people not interest-ed in sex are married to each oth-

"If they're not," said Dr. Ko-"they're going to come see

### TRAVEL UPDATE

#### Loch Ness Tourist Sub Is Launched

DRUMNADROCHIT, Scotland (AFP) — The Loch Ness Monster Center launched a submarine Tuesday for tourists who want to explore Scotland's most famous body of water.

For £68 (\$100) each, five tourists and a pilot can descend 230 meters (750 feet) into the loch's deepest depths. Amateur marine-biologists or monster-watchers will not be too cramped in the white Canadian-made craft. About the size of a small bus, it measures more than 10 meters and

weighs 24 tons.

Otympic Airways has begun flying to Stockholm five times a week from Athens and Salomika, with a stop in Copenhagen, a service that is to late (AP)

Nigerian workers shat all fael depots, threatening even more severe gasoline shortages in the oil-producing nation. The government deployed soldiers around the depots, located outside all major cities, to protest them from possible damage by strikers. The workers are protesting plans to privatize management of the depots.

(AP)

Vandals stealing copper wire from telephone lines have cut communica-tions in four large areas of Douala, Cameroon's economic capital, the government radio reported. It said the thieves sold the wire to forgets making false bank notes. Government offices, oil companies, Douala's two radio stations, banks, airlines, hotels and hundreds of others clients have been without telephone service since Monday, the report said. (AP) :-

Austrian Airlines and Delta Air Lines have reached agreement, effective July 1, to coordinate flight times, use of terminals, check-in facilities and

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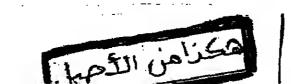


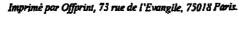
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By Gwen Ifill

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — A group of Democratic women, tied by politics to the White House but purposefully steering clear of direct administration influence, has begun a campaign to defend Hillary Rodham Clinton against attacks arising from ber role in the Whitewater affair.

The women, some of whom have expressed frustration among themselves about Mrs. Clinton's choice not to speak out vigorously on her own behalf, have been meeting for a month in Washington to plot ways to strike back at what they

consider unfair press coverage and partisan assault.

At meetings among Democrats around the country, they have been distributing lapel stickers that read, "Don't pillory

In the weeks ahead, they plan to begin writing letters to newspaper editorial pages, telephoning radio talk programs and appearing ou television in assert that Mrs. Clinton has come under attack because she is an untraditional first lady who wields unusual power.

As its first step into the arena of national opinion, the group bought a full-page advertisement in the Tuesday issue of The New York Times that likens Mrs. Clinton to Eleanor Roosevelt and disputes several accusations central to the Whitewater inquiry. The advertisement was paid for with \$50,000 in donations from individuals around the country.

The defense of Mrs. Clinton has been coordinated by Lynn Cutter and Ann F. Lewis, twn consultants in Washington with long ties to the Democratic Party.

The group has grown to include supporters like Susan Thomases, a New York lawyer; Joanne Woodward, the actress; Letty Cottin Pogrebin, the writer; and a few men, including Tony Randall, the actor, and Michael D. Barnes and Tony Coelho, both former members of Congress. Specifically oot included on the list are current elected

officials and members of the Clinton administration. Organizers concede that there have been "after hours" conversations about the matter with White House officials. "Running a full-page ad is oot exactly a secret strategy." Ms.

But Ms. Lewis, Ms. Cutter and advisers who said they knew nothing of the campaign played down such influence, saying their participation would only taint an otherwise spontaneous effort.



Hillary Rodham Clinton taking a morning bike ride in Coronado, California, on the first day of the Clinton family's vacation there.

# Newsweek Admits to 'Misunderstanding'

By Howard Kurtz

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON - Newsweek magazine has acknowledged that an article accusing Hillary Rodham Clinton of profiting from a "sweet-beart deal" was based on a "misunderstanding" with the source, who has denounced the report as "false and irresponsible."

"If we need in make an apology to the White House at the end of all this, we will," said Evan Thomas, the magazine's Washington bureau chief. But, he said, "We're not going to apologize until we see that the basis for the story was actually wrong."

White House for comment before annuuncing its "exclusive" in a press release Saturday.

The article, appearing in the ischarged that Mrs. Clinton "never put up any money of her own" for netted ber a \$99,000 profit in 1978 made public Friday.

and 1979. The investment, previously disclosed by The New Ynrk Times, was arranged by a friend ared" by the "biased" article and who was an attorney for Tyson the conclusions attributed to him.

Foods, a major Arkansas company. The White Hnuse has refused repeated requests from news organizations to say how much money Mrs. Clinton put up or to release records of the investment. But Lisa Caputo, the first lady's press secretary, said her office planned to re-

lease information soon. "We've had a number of inquiries now, so we just decided to go ahead and present all the facts." Ms. Caputo said.

A Newsweek reporter, Rieb Thomas, attributed the finding that Newsweek failed to call the Mrs. Clinton put up nn personal white House fur comment before funds to Marvin A. Chirelstein, a Columbia University law profestax experts asked by the White sue that went nn sale Monday, House to review the Clintons' 1977-79 tax returns and supporting documents and respond to media an investment in cattle futures that inquiries when the returns were

"I never said anything like that." Mr. Chirelstein said. "I never said it was a sweetheart deal. I never said it was a gift. My role was to be supportive of the White House."

In a statement, Ms. Caputo and a White House staff secretary, John Podesta, accused Newsweek of "careless journalism." They said Mrs. Clinton risked her own money and that "these repeated false statements" could have been avoided "had Newsweek demonstrated either the courtesy or professional-

White House," Mr. Chirelstein said the reporter sor. Mr. Chirelstein was one of four asked him whether he had seen any documents showing that Mrs. Clinton risked ber own money in the commodities market. "When I said no, I merely meant that was evigathering," said Mr. Chirelstein.

quaintance of the Clintons' lawyer. David Kendall, said the White House asked him to examine records oo the Whitewater land deal but not on the commodities investment. He also disputed other conelusions attributed to him by Newsweek.

Mr. Thomas, the bureau chief, said: "There's just a basic disagreement over what was said in this conversation. Rich's notes support his version." But to clarify the "misunderstanding," be said, Newsweek will publish an editor's note saying it now accepts Mr. Chirelstein's contentinn that he oever examined the commodities ism of checking them with the trading and does not believe it was a sweetheart deal.

Newsweek did not check with the White House, Mr. Thomas said, because "we were talking to the White House's designated expert."

"In retrospect," he said, "I wish dence I had no responsibility for we had made the second phone call

# TV Appearance Aided Clinton in Poll

WASHINGTON - Public support for President Bill Clinton surged following his primetime oews conference last week oo the Whitewater affair, according to a Washington Post-ABC News Poll.

The televised news conference appeared in restore Mr. Clinton's standing after signs that Whitewater had begun to erode his popularity, and most respondents said they believed Whitewater had diverted the government from more important national concerns.

The survey, cooducted over the weekend, found that more than half of those interviewed approved of the way Mr. Clinton was handling the Whitewater matter. Three weeks ago only one-third expressed a similar view.

More than half - 55 percent - say they do not think Mr. Clinton did anything illegal, up and Hillary Rodham Clinton under pressure to

from 44 percent earlier in the month. And a larger majority said the president was "mostly telling the truth" about his involvement in the failed Arkansas land development company.

But the new survey found that two out of three Americans acknowledged they under-stand little or nothing about the Whitewater affair, suggesting that attitudes on Whitewater could change again,

Mr. Clinton's ratings began in skid after 10 White House and Treasury Department officials were subpoensed by the special counsel, Robert B. Fiske Jr., to appear before a federal grand jury to explain what happened at three meetings where the Whitewater matter was dis-

With Congress voting to hold public hearings at an unspecified time and with Mr. Clinton

disclose more details about their involvement in the matter, the White House decision to schedule last Thursday's press conference appears to have paid the dividends Mr. Clintoo's advisers had hoped for.

A week ago, a Post-ABC poll registered a sharp decline in Mr. Clinton's approval rating, to 47 percent. But after the press conference, his approval rating jumped to 57 percent, about where it was before the Whitewater issue began

to heat up.

The findings suggest that Mr. Clinton's answers on Thursday night, along with his decision to release his tax returns from 1977 to 1979, helped reassure many Americans that be was dealing furthrightly with the issue.

The survey questioned of 1,029 randomly selected adult Americans. The margin of error is plus or minus three percentage points.

#### **Incumbents Running Scared**

WASHINGTON - Zell Miller has been a fixture in Georgia Democratic politics for two de-cades, as governor for the last four years and as lieutenant governor for 16 years before that. This year be's running scared. "Am I aware I've got a heckuva race coming

up?" he said. "Sure. It's just out there and you try to deal with it." Senator Frank R. Lautenberg, Democrat of New Jersey, has a similar battle ahead. Running for his third term, Mr. Lautenberg has poll numbers that would make any politician blanch. A recent poll found that only 28 percent of the people

in his state said he deserved to be re-elected. New York's governor, Mario M. Cuomo, a Democrat, wants a fourth term and may well get it. But a recent poll showed that just 36 percent of the

voters give him high marks. Mr. Cuomo, Mr. Lautenberg and Mr. Miller have plenty of company. Incumbents at all levels and in all regions are facing a bleak political landscape as they begin their campaigns.

"There's on question there's a cynicism out there that's been building for years, and it's probably at its high point," said Don Sweitzer, political director at the Democratic National Committee. "To the extent that a lot of our incumbents haven't had to work very hard to get elected, they're going to have to this year. They're going in have to make the case for themselves."

Because Democrats have more incumbents at every level - House, Senate and in the governorships — they have more to fear this year than Republicans dn. But incumbents from both parties are finding they must adapt to this oew environment if they hope to survive.

Incumbency once meant respect and likely reelection, and it still carries enormous advantages. Incumbents typically can outraise and outspend their challengers by considerable margins.

But the mood of voter anger that surfaced in 1990 has hardened over the last four years, and

once-comfortable incumbents find voters are less willing than ever to give them a break. "The equation that you keep someone in office unless there's a reason to change clearly has been discredited in the voters' minds," said Geoff

Garin, a Democratic poll-taker. "Voters come to this process with a view that they at least ought to be open to the prospect of change."

#### Harkin Campaign Must Pay Up

WASHINGTON - The Federal Election Commission says the 1992 presidential campaign of lowa's Democratic senator, Tom Harkin, owes the government \$59.911 because it received appareotly prohibited contributions and excessive federal matching funds. The largest amount owed was nearly \$25,000 to refund excess federal matching fund payments.

The election commission audits all presidential campaigns, and over the years has required repayments of as much as several hundred thousand dollars for a variety of reasons.

In the heat of a campaign, treasurers can fail to notice contributions that later turn out to be illeand when this is found the money is required to be paid to the U.S. Treasury. The report said Senator Harkin's committee was formed June 3, 1991, to promote the presidential campaign of the senator. As of the end of last year the committee had cash on hand totaling more than \$200,000, the audit found.

#### New Signatures on Currency

WASHINGTON — More than a year ago, Lloyd Bentsen replaced Nicholas F. Brady at the U.S. Treasury Department. Now, Mr. Bentsen's signature is about to replace the infiner treasury secretary's on U.S. currency.

The Treasury said Monday that Mr. Bentsen and Treasurer Mary Ellen Withrow will unveil a

new currency series bearing their signatures at an April 7 ceremony at the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing plant in Fort Worth, Texas.

Most currency in circulation now bears the names of Mr. Brady and the former treasurer, Catalina Villaipando, who held office during the Bush administration.

#### Quote/Unquote

Hillary Rodham Clinton, asked how it felt to be out of Washington and on vacation in California; "It's great to be biking."

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#### Away From Politics

 A Canadian tourist charged in the fatal stabbing of a candy store owner in Pompano Beach, Florida, was refused bond. Jean-François Chalifoux, 27, of Quebec, was ordered held at the Broward County jail. He was charged with first-degree murder, accused of stabbing Marilu Cogswell 10 to 12 times after he tried to rob her store.

• A former GE executive pleaded not guilty in federal charges that he was involved in an scheme to siphon \$11 million in U.S. military aid to Israel Herbert B. Steindler, 55, of Melbourne Beach, Florida, was indicted March 17.

 Two U.S. soldiers pleaded guilty to giving sensitive mili-tary information to Hungary while stationed in Germany in 1985, a federal prosecutor said in Tampa, Florida. Staff Sergeants Jeffrey Eugene Gregory, 32, and Jeffrey Stephen Rondeau, 30, both pleaded

A teenager in Newark, New Jersey, who was seriously wounded two years ago, ostensibly by police, as he emerged from a stolen car, was arraigned in connection with a carjacking, two shootings, multiple robberies and the ramming of a police cruiser, all in the course of two bours. The teenager, Howard Caesar, and four others were charged.

guilty to espionage.

# **U.S. Rules Out Linking** Caucasus Death to Ames

WASHINGTON - The State Department has reaffirmed that a U.S. official killed last year in the republic of Georgia died in "a random act of violence."

June State found that the four were driving about 40 kilometers (25 miles) outside Tbilisi on Aug. 8 when they came upon a stranded car.

The statement came in response to questions about whether the death of the official, Fred Woodruff, 45, was linked to an accused CIA spy, Aldrich Hazen Ames.
A U.S. law enforcement investi-

gation concluded that Mr. Woodruff's shooting death last year in the former Soviet republic "was not politically motivated," said the State Department spokesman, Mike McCurry.

tral intelligence, R. James Woolsey Jr., flew to Tbilisi from Moscow to bring home Mr. Woodruff's body.

Mr. Ames, accused with his wife. Rosario, of conspiracy to commit espionage, has been reported by several news organizations to have visited Georgia in July, the month before Mr. Woodruff was killed. Mr. Woodruff was shot in the head while traveling with three

ing to Mr. McCurry, investigators found that the four were driving

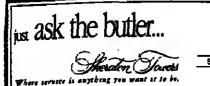
A man from the stalled car, Anzor Sharmaidze, tried to flag down the Woodruff vehicle and shot at it when the car did not stop. He hit Mr. Woodruff, and later

confessed to firing the single shot, said Mr. McCurry. He was arrested and convicted in the shooting, and sentenced last month to 15 years of hard labor. "The results of this investigation

Although the administration has oot officially confirmed it, Mr. Woodruff is believed to have been a CIA officer. The director of the confirmed is believed to have been a CIA officer. The director of the confirmed is believed to have been a CIA officer. The director of the confirmed is believed to have been a CIA officer. The director of the confirmed is a confirmed in the conf

conducting his own investigation of the Woodruff case as part of his overall review of the Ames matter, a CIA spokesman said.

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# Perhaps a Start in Italy

The rebuilding of Italy was bound to take more than one election. After the explosion of scandal that destroyed the old order, the material for a new order consisted of the fragments of the discredited old parties, some more or less scandal-free politicians who had oevertheless been isolated on the margin of politica for other reasons, and ambitious new men out to climb to the top of the rubble. These were not the makings of a smoothly running politics. So it has proved. The voting on Sunday and Monday ended the old Italy. It has not yet created the new one.

The victorious Silvio Berhisconi, new man on top of the pile, faces two difficulties in building a government that will last. One is his economic imprecision. His tax proposals, al-though they helped him win the election, do not seem properly worked out. If he applies them, the result could be another mushrooming of Italy's huge public debt, and the disintegration

The other difficulty is that the coalition Mr. Berhisconi leads into power seems all too bable to disintegrate. The Northern League, already angry with Mr. Berlusconi about the allocation of seats, wants to protect Italy's efficient oorth against its tumultuous south. The ex-neofascist National Alliance is a loud voice of the noisy south, and may be acquiring an anti-NATO bark as well. Forza Italia is Mr. Berlusconi's handmade instrument, as unpredictable as he himself is. He is a man of imagination, energy and will. Can be turn an unwieldy trio into a purposeful government?

The losers are little more coherent. The once-Communist Democratic Left made most economic sense during the campaign. It has probably established itself as the core of a new center-left, an intelligent leader of the opposinon to Mr. Bertusconi and a replacement for him if he fails. But its own election alliance was full of cracks, and would have had trouble holding together if it had won. Neither side of Italy's politics yet looks solid.

For a solid Italy, more change is oeeded. The Northern League, for a start, has to make up its mind whether it wants to be a shaper of a single, modern new Italy or merely the nagging voice of the rich and disgruntled oorth. But the problem goes deeper than that. Italy requires a simpler pattern of politics. It does not need the dozen or more parties that still entangle its parliament. It needs three or four, each with its distinctive body of ideas. That will at last give Italian voters a clear choice, a more self-disciplined parliament and a government that will answer their wishes.

To some extent this may happen naturally, as smaller groups get absorbed by bigger ones. But it may also call for a further change in Italy's election system. Although three-quarters of the seats in this election were fought on the first-past-the-post system, this did oot produce the oecessary simplification. The quarter still chosen by proportional representation tempted too many parties to keep on going it alone. The sorting out of Italy requires a plainer election system, more like Britain's or France's.

In the end, though, the chances of a new order depend above all on Mr. Berlusconi himself. He has to haul his unruly troiks onto a responsible economic course. He has to convert himself from a political fireworks display into a serious national leader. He is a remarkable man - the election proved that. If he confounds the skeptics, the true building of Italy's Second Republic will have begun. INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE

# Disarming in South Asia

U.S. intelligence predicts that if a ouclear war is going to happen, it will be between India and Pakistan. Both have all the ouclear material and parts they need to assemble a considerable stock of warheads, and each is developing missiles capable of striking the other's cities. Washington wants them to stop their arms race - and then reverse it.

But bow? The Clintoo administration argues that the United States should resume aid to Pakistan and deliver the F-16 fighters that it paid for but oever received, if it first agrees to a verifiable ban on the production of ouclear material and halts its missile programs. Opponents in Congress say that such induce-ments have oot worked. The administration is right to try again, but it needs to persuade India to go along. India insists that it will oot accept any deal that does not impose restraints on China as well as Pakistan.

U.S. aid has long been advertised as the most effective way to dissuade Pakistan from building the Bomb, despite mounting evidence that it was doing just that. America sold it F-16s that could be reconfigured to deliver ouclear bombs, It even sold some technology that contributed directly to Pakistan's nuclear effort.

Then, two years ago, aid was finally suspended. Officials who favor resumption argue that India, which gets no U.S. aid or arms, is under oo comparable restraint. Pakistan is the weaker of the two, they say, and denying it F-16s building only leaves them less secure. makes it more dependent on nuclear arms.

Opponents in Congress counter that relaxing restrictions would reward disregard of U.S. conproliferation policies, appear to legitimize Pakistani bomb-making, and send the wrong message to other would-be proliferators.

But something must be done to try to stop the subcontinent's arms race. The United States should resume aid and arms sales - but only if Pakistan agrees to two steps. It must accept international safeguards over all nuclear facilities and account for the ouclear material it has already produced — in effect, stopping further production. Second, it must halt all missile tests and deployments.
F-16 deliveries to Pakistan might be de-

layed a while looger to give India a chance to follow suit. India's initial opposition to a deal is possibly a tactical ploy; it may yet be induced to go along because it needs high-tech trade with the United States as well as ouclear fuel and technical assistance for its power plants. The prospects for a deal would surely be improved, however, if China could be persuaded to stop selling missile components to Pakistan and relocate the missiles it has deployed near India's border.

Rolling back the ouclear arms race will require India and Pakistan to address their insecurity by building mutual confidence and reducing the risk of war. But that effort cannot begin until both sides recognize that bomb-

# Wage Puzzle in France

Confronted with a wave of violent protests over wages, France's prime minister, Edouard France represents the extreme case of the Balladur, has retreated. With that, he has involuntarily illustrated once again a central dilemma of social policy with which all of the

wealthy Western democracies are struggling. Throughout Western Europe and North America, good jobs for unskilled labor are rapidly vanishing. One cause is technology that pushes up productivity. Another is trade and competition with low-wage countries to the south. The United States is allowing wages for unskilled and semi-skilled work to decline with the market. That keeps employment relatively high, but at the cost of sinking incomes at the low end of the scale and a widening gap between rich and poor. In contrast, most of the European countries are trying to maintain security and incomes. That leads to much higher unemployment there among people who have no highly developed skills.

In France, among people under 25, one out of four has no job. To reduce this huge popula-tion of unemployed and unemployable young people, the government came up with an altogether sensible idea. It would permit employers to pay these young people a little less than the minimum wage — which is higher in France than in America — for limited periods if the

employers in return provided training.
In response, young people poured out into
the streets of cities and towns all over France for the most vehement demonstrations in years. They clearly believed that the government was violating a promise to them of a certain wage, and they rejected the possibility of a trade-off of wages for job training.

Mr. Balladur's center-right government after waiting for the completion last weekend of a round of local elections in which it did very nicely - backed down and announced on

rich countries' wage quandary. Its political traditions, both left and right, have oever really acknowledged the coocept of a market in labor. This incident is the third in six months in which Mr. Balladur has caved in to poblic protests against threats to accustomed incomes. Last fall he abandooed cost reductions at Air France in the face of a strike, and last month be promised more subsidies to fishermen who were rioting over falling prices. Further experiments with market economics are unlikely before oext year's presidential election, in which Mr. Balladur may be a candidate. Bot at the same time, voters also want to see those painful unemployment rates come down.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

## Other Comment

An Invitation to Balladur

[Sunday's] second-round cantonal elections came one year after the collapse of the left and the arrival in power of Edouard Balladur. The majority can take satisfaction in the election results; the leftist opposition can feel even more satisfied to see in the second round a confirmation of its revival, albeit a fragile one,

after last year's electoral catastrophe. The confirmation of the majority's legitimacy and the rebirth of the left give Mr. Balladur an opportunity to take new initiatives, particularly regarding the young. The French have not thrown themselves into his arms, but nor have they rejected him. Perhaps we can read in the election results an invitation to be bold.

- Jean d'Ormesson in Le Figaro (Paris).



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# Better Flawed Voting Than More Drift in South Africa

J OHANNESBURG — The violence that caused scores of deaths in the Johannesburg area on Monday, notably in fighting between Zulu protesters and security guards for the African National Congress, is a blood-stained reminder that the birth of democracy

in South Africa will not be easy.

The opinion polls bere all show that the ANC, led by Nelson Mandela, will handily win South Africa's first conracial elections next month. But the elections will be marred by violence and possibly fraud, tainting the ANC's victory and fueling racial strife.

The political fighting that spilled over into Johannesburg on Monday has long ravaged the nation's black communioes. Most white South Africans, unfortunately, choose to besieve the fallacy that it stems solely from ethnic animosity between Xhosa-speaking and Zuln-speaking blacks. Yes, some Zulus believe that it is their

ethnic duty to destroy the Xhosa-led ANC, and vice versa. But more potent threats to democracy lie elsewhere. Consider the recent report by Judge Rich-

ard Goldstone of the Supreme Court that high officials in the South African police are run-ning guns as part of a systematic plan to south the constitutional process. This was hardly a By Jon Qwelane

surprise. Foes of apartheid have repeatedly told the government that a highly organized "third force" is behind the violence between

the ANC and its rival, the Inkatha Freedom Party of the Zulu chief, Mangosuthn Buthelezi. The disintegration of the racial homelands through revolt by civil servants suggests a pact between the ANC and the government to dismantle apartheid's strongest remaining pillars. This has deepened the Zulus' suspicions about the true intent behind the elections.

Another danger to the elections is violence by ultraconservative Afrikaners. Many reject the constitutional framework in favor of an independent homeland, and have sworn to go to war to win their separate state. A terrifying recent development, the influx

of German neo-Nazis bolstering the Afrika-ners, will fan the flames. In the past two weeks several Germans have been arrested in skirmishes with the police.

One of them, Horst Klenz, is oo stranger to racial troubles in southern Africa. The Namibian government says he led a group of Afri-kaners who blew up a United Nations office and killed a security guard and a policeman

a few days before Namibia's 1989 elections. Another worrisome sign was the call by the Zulu king. Goodwill Zwelithin, for a separate Zulu state. Many Zulo tribesmen have been stirred by the king's statement; they have prevented the ANC from holding election

allies in three cities this month. On March 13, ANC officials canceled a meeting between Mr. Mandela and the king in Ulundi because they feared Zulu violence. Those fears proved founded. Hundreds of Zulu mibesmen descended on the town, openly brandishing Kalashnikov automatic rifles -

the same type of weapon that Judge Goldstone accused police generals of dispensing to Zulus.

This month, President F. W. de Klerk made a last-ditch effort to save his campaign by offering Chief Buthelezi a deal to get him participate in the elections. Details of the plan were oot disclosed, but highly placed government officials told me that it involved getting Inkatha candidates to enter the elec-dons under the banner of Mr. de Klerk's National Party in hopes that their combined votes would keep the ANC and its Communist allies at bay. The chief rejected the offer. The two met on Sunday to discuss ways of avoiding violence, but Monday's events indicate that this had little effect.

A dangerous scenario is becoming ever more likely as the elections approach: the ANC wins, but the international agencies monitoring the elections declare that the re-

sults were tainted by polling irregularities.

What would happen then? The answer is painful; we would have to make the best of a bad situation and proceed as though the elec-tions were untainted. A state of emergency would probably have to be declared to contain the ensuing widespread violence. (Of course, there will be an upsurge of killing after

the voting no matter what happens.)
Purists might argue that to honor an irregular poll would be undeanocratic and a subversion of what the elections aim to secure. They would be right. But any other option, such as scheduling fresh elections and leaving Mr. de Klerk's unpopular administration in its caretaker position, would be the spark that ignites a greater powder keg.

There comes a time in the history of some nations when drastic measures are required to ensure their preservation. South Africa is about to reach that point.

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# Among Israelis and Palestinians, Coexistence Has to Be Mutual

N AZARETH, Israel — An old Arab says that Jews celebrate their feasts around gardens, Christians inside kitchens and Muslims around graveyards. This year, at the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, the Arab residents of the West Bank town

of Hebron had a tragic new reason to keep this old tradition. The lifting of a round-the-clock curfew for a few hours on March 11 was barely enough time for the Arab residents of Hebroo to visit the new graves of beloved ones, victims of the nassacre at the shrine of Abraham in Hebron on Feb. 25. Since that date, the land has been cloaked with sor-

row and shame. The sorrow of the bereaved families is blended with the shame of all those who refused to anticipate the possibility of such a crime.

Negotiators on all sides in the current peace talks have mainly been interested in whether the Palestinians can peacefully coexist with Israel. No one dared ask whether Israel was capable of peaceful coexistence with the Palestinians.

Yet there is no alternative but to

By Emile Habibi

believe that the peace process will overcome the Hebron ordeal. All but the most militant Palestinians recognize that reconciliation with Israel is the only salvacion. Our determination to survive was born

out of such ordeals. The 1956 massacre by Israeli border police at Kfar Kasim, an Arab village in Israel, which claimed 49 lives, only strengthened the attachment of Israel's Arabs to their homeland.

As for our Israeli Jewish brothers and sisters, they have also shown that they are here to stay. If it were oot for this mutual recog-

nition between Palestinians and Israelis - of the impossibility of forcing either people from their only homeland - this historic reconciliation could oot be achieved. Since the United Nations partition of 1947, most Palestinians have un-

derstood that our national conflict with Israel could oot be resolved through one nation annihilating the other, as in centuries past. The fact is that my people, the Palestinian people, were always the ones who were threatened with being forced to leave. Thus Israel's recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization, which continues to fight for Palestinian self-determination, is a great achievement, and it cannot be altered either by massacres or by ex-

tremists on either side. Yet one cannot go on pretending that nothing has changed after the Hebron massacre. This month Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said be did not dare even to imagine "what the reaction of the Jews would be if an Arab madman were to commit a massacre against Jewish worshipers in the

shrine of Abraham." Sober-minded and responsible Israchi politicians cannot allow themselves the huxnry of presuming that they will be able to keep every faction under control, even if they have the best and most sophisticated security. Most Palestinians and Israelis have

concluded that we have gone too far in the peace process to mm back, and that we must put our faith in the future. Palestiman leaders who sup-post the peace agreement dared to drink the bitter cup of telling their people that they must pay a very high price for achieving a secure future in their homeland, almost as high as the one the mother was prepared to pay in King Solomon's court: she would have

given up her child to save it. We have the help of courageous and honest Israeli Jewish colleagues, exemplary in their defense of mutual recognition. Yet many Israeli leaders, especially among the politicians, refuse to tell their people that they must reach out to the Palestinians; they have nobody else to rely on in the long run. In Arabic we have a saving: "Even

if your beloved one were made of honey, do not suck it all." There is a limit to the endurance of the Palestinians, an ancient people with a rich legacy, as with any other people. But their endurance is their pledge of their belief in the future.

We, Israelis and Palestinians, are already fated to be born again as Siamese twins. We hope the rest of the world has already understood that true solidarity with one is contingent on true solidarity with the other. There is no alternative.

Palestinians and Israelis alike have a duty to stand up to our own extremists. Yet the Israeli extremists are the real threat, not only to the peace process but also to the future of Israel itself. That much has been proved by the Hebron massacre. Israel needs to show by its actions that it can live in

peace with the Arab world. It was Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, in his report to the Knesset on Baroch Goldstein's massacre at Hebron, who said: "Only God almighty knows the way out of what this damned man has done to us. The norms of peaceful coexistence have been frustrated and we should not underestimate the dangers.

God always knows. What is new is the encouraging beginning of recognition by Israeli leaders and the Israch people that they can no longer hesitate to drink their own bitter cup.

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# Dependable Little Mr. Pluto Is Talking Dangerous Nonsense

WASHINGTON — "Let me ask you," says the cute bitle cartooo character oewly appearing on Japanese television.
"Do you have an image of me as something frightening!... There seem to be a lot of bad rumors about me."

For the next ! 1 minutes, Mr. Pluto explains that among these "rumors" are that about 10 kilograms of him could easily make an atomic bomb, that he is a deadly poison and causes cancer. To prove it, another character drinks glasses of plutonium-laced water until his stomach swells, then emerges from a rest room with a smile. "Flush!" reads the cap-

tion. "Refreshed, and feeling fine."
Dependable Little Mr. Pluto explains that "although there are reports of cancer being caused as a result of exposure to radiation ... it is unthinkable that I could cause any adverse effects upon the body."

This appalling piece of animated distortion is the work of Japan's government-owned ouclear fuels corporation. It is an extreme symptom of the dual thinking that the post-Cold War plotonium glut has provoked in Japan, Britain, France, Germany, Russia and through neglect, the United States.

Governments watch America and Russia grapple with the buge task of dismantling their ouclear weapons and know that the U.S. National Academy of Sciences recently found that the resulting photonium is "a clear and present danger to national and international security"

By Jessica Mathews

for which there are no good disposal options. Yet they cannot disentangle themselves from plans laid 30 years ago to use plutonium in inge quantity for making electricity.

Partly this is a hangover from the long-beld belief that mere reactor-grade plutonium could not be used for weapons. Although it is now known that civilian plutonium makes a good enough bomb, there are still some diehards asserting the old fiction.

Thus, the paradox. If all goes well in the retirement of strategic weapons, as much as 150 tons of plotonium will be disposed of in the next 20 years. At the same time, present plans for making plutonium through civilian reprocessing would produce 300 new tons of essentially the same stuff. This will be in addition to the 85 tons already stockpiled in Britain, France and Russia. (As you read these tonnages, bear in mind that less than 20

pounds makes a nuclear weapon.)

The worst part of this story is that this enormous new security burden is going to be produced for clients — ouclear otilities that don't want it. The plutonium fuel cycle was designed when uranium's cost was expected to rise to \$200 per pound. The price is

oow less than \$10 and going nowhere.
Utilities now know that the plutonium fuel cycle - breeder reactors and reprocessing plants - will be ruinously expensive. No one company, however, has been willing to break ranks and say so.

Without the discipline of a bottom line, bureaucrais have chang even more fervently to the promise of a technology that produces more fuel than it burns. Their faith has withstood the failure of the only commercial breeder, France's Superphenix, obvious drawbacks of safety and cost, and the deep public antipathy to shipping around the world hundreds of tons of material that is the ultimate terrorist device and extremely toxic to boot.

It took a decade of debate in the United States in the 1970s to break the grip of this holy grail on the technical imagination. It is still alive and well elsewhere, although ocarly

every government is deeply divided.

Proposents triumphed in Britain this month when a decision was made to turn on a new reprocessing plant that has been in the works for 17 years. The plant will be largely

supported by reprocessing fuel from Japan.

Japan, meanwhile, has been reconsidering its long-standing plans. These would lead to a plutonium stockpile so large that it has raised doubts about Tokyo's ouclear weapons intentions. Official leaks in the past few weeks suggest that the Hosokawa government is scaling these plans way back, but will go ahead with the operation of a new breeder reactor and the construction of a reprocessing plant.
Britain and France — with more plutonium

than they know what to do with already know that much of Japan's plotomum may never be shipped home, and that they will probably be sinck with the high-level repro-cessing wastes as well. But because their deals could withstand little public scrutiny, they resist any suggestion of alternatives.

The United States is focused on weapons plutonium - on dismantling weapons, shutting down Russia's three remaining military reprocessing plants and seeking an international agreement to ban plutonium prodoction for weapons use. All of these are unquestioned priorities.

But since civilian photonium one day can be weapons plutonium the next, and because of the sheer amounts that will otherwise accumulate, the security benefits of these difficult steps will be overwhelmed if civilian reprocessing goes ahead on the planned scale. With hundreds of tons of plutonium in circulation, no matter how carefully guarded, it would be far easier to steal or buy a few bombs' worth than to go to the lengths to which Iraq and North Korea have been put.

As the weapons' dismantlers are learning, the world can ill afford a single unneeded pound of plotonium. The matter of civilian reprocessing oeeds to be joined - soon.

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# Living Together: For a Humanism That Cares to Speak Its Mind

By Henry Louis Gates Jr.

C AMBRIDGE Massachusetts — Gunmen burst into a Baha'i church in a South African township, line up the few white (Iranian) members of the congregation and shoot them dead. The Baha's religion holds that all races are one, and the Azan-ian People's Liberation Army, which apparently dispatched the killers, said that it wanted to send a clear sage against the mixing of races. In fact, the Azanian movement has been profoundly shaped by European racial thinking, as you might expect of a group that borrows its name from an invented place of barbarism in Evelyn Waugh's satiric novel "Black Mischief." The Azan-

local traditions and everything to do with the logic of apartheid.
"One million Arabs are oot worth a Jewish fingernail," Rabbi Yaacov Perrin said in a funeral eulogy for Baruch Goldstein. The phrase reflects a perverse misreading of a passage from Exodus. But we have heard this voice before. It is the voice of messianic hatred. We hear it from the Balkans to the bantustans; from Hezbollah and from Kach. We hear it in the

ians' abjuration of "race mixing"

has oothing to do with indigenous

streets of Bensonhurst, New York. And, of course, we hear it from some who profess to be addressing the misery of black America. "Never will I say I am not an anti-Semite," said Khalid Abdul Muhammad of the Nation of Islam. "I pray that God will kill my enemy and take him off the face of the planet Earth." He is peddling tape recordings of his speeches under the title "No Love for the Other Side."

And so it goes, with the victimized bidding to be victimizers. That suffering ennobles is a lie, an old lie that has been exposed countless times yet has proved surprisingly durable.

Messianic batted is scarcely the province of the privileged classes. David Duke draws his support from

the least affluent and most anxious of

Similarly, if calculating dema-

gogues find inviting prey in black America, our immediate circumstances make this unsurprising. That nearly half of African-American children live in poverty is one scandal; another is simply that this fact has become an acceptable feature of the social landscape, as unremarkable as crabgrass. No love for the other side? Yet if profoundly anti-modern creeds like these continue to grow, perhaps liberalism — that political tradition of individual liberty that

banks back at least to the Enlightenment — must shoulder some blame. For too long, liberalism has grown accustomed to rescning itself from other people's problems. Genital mutiladon in Africa? Don't ask us to arbitrate among the mores of other cultures. Human rights abuses in China? Are we in a position to judge?

Deference to the autonomy of other beliefs, other values, other cultures has become an easy alibi for moral isolationism. When we need action, we get hand-wringing. When we oeed forthrightness, we get equivocation. What we have is a rhetoric of relativism. But let us call such "moral relativism" by its real name: moral indifference. And let us admit how finite are our vaunted moral sympathies, here in the comfortable West. According to recent reports, per-haps 100,000 people have died in re-cent ethnic conflicts that have raged through tiny Burundi. Could any type of intervention have helped? Maybe not. But that isn't the point. The point is that nobody is asking.

Not enough love for the other side. Meanwhile, the tragedy of Bosnia has come to look like the Kitty Genovese syndrome on a global scale. We need a liberalism that has confidence in its own insights, a liberalism possessed of clarity as well as compassion. To creeds that prate of sacred fingernails, as the rabbi did, of "no love for the other side," of the sins of mixing ethnic or racial cate-

gories, we must juxtapose a muscular humanism — a bumanism that is without arrogance and is unafraid to assert itself, its hard-won moral knowledge. One that neither shuns religious devotioo nor mistakes itself for a religion. One that has cour-

age as well as conviction. There is something of a paradox here. The most heinous of deeds have always been committed in the name of future generations, of an awaiting utopia. The nature of these evils could not be concealed if they were committed in the name of our own interests in the here and now, but utopianism wraps them in the garb of virtuous "sacrifice," Accordingly, it is its stoutly anti-utopian aspect—its capacity for self-doubt—that liberal-ism has claimed as a moral advantage.

But the capacity to entertain uncertainty oeed not entail Hamlet-like paralysis. It merely promotes a will-ingness to revise our beliefs in the light of experience, to extend respect

to those we do oot agree with. Is it, after all, unreasonable to be suspicious of Westerners who are exercised over female circumcision but whose eyes glaze over when the same women are merely facing starvation? The Azanian, the West Bank fanatic, the American demagogue march

to a single drum. There has been much talk about the politics of identity — a politics that has a collective identity as its core. One is to assert oneself in the political arena as a woman, a homosexual, a Jew, a person of color. But while the conversation may seem recent, the phenomenon is age-old. The politics of identity starts with the assertion of a

collective allegiance.

It says: This is who we are, make room for us, accommodate our special needs, confer recognition upon what is distinctive about us. It is about the priority of difference, and while it is not, by itself, undesirable, it is - by itself - dangerously inadequate.

By contrast, what I am calling hu-manism starts not with the possession of identity, but with the capacity to identify with. It asks what we have in common, while acknowledging our diversity. It is about the promise of a shared humanity. In short, the chal-lenge is to move from a politics of identity to a politics of identification.

It was this conversion that Malcolm X underwent toward the end of his life. If Louis Farrakhan, a brilliant, charismatic man, undergoes a similar conversion, he will earn a place in the annals of our time. If not, he will just be another in a long line of racial demagogues, joining Father Coughlin and Gerald L. K. Smith,

A politics of identification does not enjoin us to ignore or devalue our collective identities. For it is only by

terms with the commonalities that cement communitas. It is only by this route that we can move closer to what the poet Robert Hayden, himself a Baha'i, conjured up when he urged us to "renew the vision of a human world where god-

> ther god, nigger, honky, wop nor kike / but man / permitted to be man." We may be anti-utopian, but we The writer, chairman of the Afro-American Studies Department at Harvard University, is outhor of the forth-coming "Colored People: A Memoir." He contributed this comment to The

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### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: The Nice Regatta

NICE - A livelier sight than that presented by Nice harbor this morning [March 29] it would be impossible to imagine. At six the basin was so crowded that you could scarcely have found space for a one-rater. From that time until half-past nine it was one continuous procession of yachts. First went the big sailing craft, head-ed by the Britannia, who were starting for the cruiser's race to Monaco and back ... The finish was one of those sights so dear to the yachtmans' heart, the Britannia appearing over the horizon with every sail set ... and with only one luff she made the winning line. Soon after the Valkyrie. who came in on the dropping breeze,

1919: Spartacists Riot

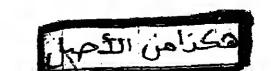
appeared in sight.

BERLIN - The whole of the Ruhr valley is again in a state of unrest, hrought about by the Spartacist agitators. The movement was caused by

a conservative paper, which pub-lished a violent article concerning workmen's demonstration that took place a day or two ago in the town of Witten. This demonstration ended in a riot, fifteen persons being killed. Other disorders have occurred, many people being killed or injured.

1944: Praise for Tito

BARI, Italy — [From our New York edition:] A veteran of the World War who heads an American outfit whose Dalmatian operations are coordinated under a senior British officer said: Having seen for ourselves, we have the highest admiration for the accom-plishments of Marshal Tito's Yugoslav patriots. They have helped us in every way possible. Our American soldiers have been under fire with both Yugoslav and British troops. and there is a complete understanding and confidence among the fighting men of all three nationalities. The mixed Addied forces along the Yugoslav coast are a very happy family.



# Why the Sudden Reticence **About the Korean Threat?**

By A. M. Rosenthal

NEW YORK — In the opening statement at his prime-time news conference last week, President Bill Clinton spoke about the nuclear crisis with North Korea. He spoke 10 words,

adding up to oothing.
At that, he did better than the American press. Uotil toward the end of the conference, oobody brought up a question aboot anything but Whitewater.

Then an exasperated foreign journalist said, Senor Presidente, how about Korea, Russia and South Africa? About Korea, El Presidente told him that the situation was serious, that the North Koreans could make "many con-

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Clinton has faced the fact that North Korea is heading fast toward nuclear armament, but he needs to do more to explain the threat to the public.

tributions" to a united Korea - true enough but unlikely. Carefully uninfor-mative, the reply lacked the sense of danger and moment that the administra-

The American press came to dig into Whitewater — no trivial joh. But if the president had wished he could have dealt with Whitewater and also seized the chance to create the national attention the Korean crisis deserves and is not getting.

All he had to say was what his foreign

policy team believes: The dispute with North Korea is part of the most critical "foreign" problem the country faces, a sample of nuclear crises to come. The president's goals are to prevent both war with North Korea and its military ouclear empowerment. But after a year of trying he does not know whether the taut, isolated Communist government will let the United States achieve the second goal without losing the first.

So far, be has oot laid out the crisis plainly and fully, as war-or-peace issues should be presented. Americans have the right to know exactly what is going on in any crisis that could lead to war - and how worried their government may be.

Americans do oot yet seem to grasp the fact that war is now what the North

Koreans are threatening.
When dictators threaten war, believe them. In this century, dictators from Adolf Hitler to Saddam Hussein have fulfilled threats of war - led on hy their power, their secret lusts and their vision of humanity as existing to be conquered.

But if another Korean War is to be avoided without the North getting the. prize of nuclear weaponry, the Communists must understand that the president is talking straight to Americans, alerting them to the risk as well as the goals.

Specifically, Pyongyang must know

he is telling his own country that North Korea might invade South Korea rather than give up dreams of Asia-wide power

through nuclear weapons, Unless North Korea understands that the U.S. public is being told of the possibility of war, it may make the mistake that led to the Northern invasion of South Korea in 1950: the assumption that the United States would stay out.

The strange thing about the president's reticence on the North Korean danger is that his administration has created a record that does it credit. Mr. Clinton faced the fact that the North Koreans were heading fast toward nu-clear armament, which Busbbaker did not. Then he tried to get North Korea to live up to its broken promises to permit full international ouclear inspection. He offered diplomatic and economic rewards. Probably it was inevitable that the Pyongyang dictator-ship, like all such, would see concilia-

tory offers as weakness.

But if he bad not tried, President Clinton would bave sacrificed in advance the U.S. and international support he will oeed if it comes to war,

But the president has not made clear to Americans what his own administration believes.

Preventing prodoction of nuclear weapons by countries that would distribute them to terrorist governments or terrorist movements, for profit or power, is the most important international problem in the world. For example: North Korea to Iran to Hezbollah.

Why the surprisingly laid-back public position toward a danger that in private makes Clinton administration experts sit up so very straight? When in doubt, pick the simplest an-

swer. The president believes that it would frighten people too much if he spoke up about Korea more plainly. That is a mistake presidents tend to make — underestimating the public's desire, right and oeed to confront whatever national dangers exist.

We are not talking about saber-rattling. The North Koreans are doing that loud enough. What is oeeded from Mr. Clinton is simply adult talk to adult citizens, and more than 10 careful words.

The New York Times.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Of Preference and Equality

Regarding "No Racial Reform on Racist Basis" (Opinion, March 16) by Shelby Steele:

Mr. Steele's article fortifies an opinion I have held since the great idea of affirmative action (seek out the disadvantaged, train, hire and promote without discrimination) was changed in

America to preference by race. Mr. Steele, a distinguished African-American scholar, points out that racial (and other group) preferences are the genesis of the divisiveness and hatreds which are so badly damaging the United States. I loathed white supremacy as a civil rights activist in segregated Georgia. But f never believed that this despicable form of racial prejudice could be-

come the politically correct view if transmogrified into black preference, As Mr. Steele says: "This is a pattern of reform that calls out the Farrakhan in every group so they can be used as wedges in the group's negociations with

the larger society. Thus, the Ku Klux Klan, while seemingly the obverse of the Farrakhans, is ved, as Mr. Steele shows, from the same flawed philosophy.

Yngoslavia is a model of what (with

good intentions) some old fighters for racial justice are surely reproducing in the United States.

MORRIS B. ABRAM. Geneva.

The writer is former vice chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

I applaud Mr. Steele's courage in calling for the repudiation of entitlements apportioned by race, sex or membership in any other group. It is ironic that America's attempt to redress the wroogs of racism has fallen prey to a pattern of granting privilege based on race. As Mr. Steele so eloquently shows us,

one problem with using entitlements to

counteract past inequality is that they fail to address the underlying social problems. Entitlements replace one form of inequality with another.

There is another problem: In a diverse or pluralistic society such America's, entitlements serve to emphasize differences between people and oversimplify differences of "identity." We all have many

idenoties: religious, social, cultural. We may choose to dwell forever on the unique suffering visited upon "our" group, or we may seek to transcend the particularities of that identity, to find a common bumanity. The former approach is taken by the Louis Farrakhans and the Baruch Goldsteins of our world. The latter approach, by which we try to find common interests --- and often, common identity — is the only answer to the ethnic splintering and the hatred that sadly characterize American society.

PETER MARK, Strasbourg, France.

I am curious to know precisely what "entidements by ... sexual orienta-tion" are being lavished on the homo-sexual population in the United States. Gays are still routinely fired from jobs. denied insurance benefits, deprived of their children, and even beaten to death because of some heterosexuals' bizarre and ill-informed overreactions to their

natural sexual orientation.

Some on the right would like to perpetuate the myth that homosexuals are looking for and receiving "special treatment" in U.S. society. I think most gays would agree that the only "entitlements" they want are equality before the law and the right to live their lives unmolested.

DAVID APPELL

Third World Care Regarding "Cure Is Clear, but Europeans Dislike the Medicine" (March 11):

Articles such as this are, of course,

written by people who do not have to worry about their own "social benefits" and "safety nets." Would they take jobs paying less than the minimum wage? don't think so.

When "health care" and workers' rights in the United States become a little less Third World, then Americans can start lecturing Europeans.

DENISE RYAN, Leidschendam, Netherlands. The Spin on China Trade

The machine in action; The Clinton ministration has privately decided, it appears, to drop its contrived links between human rights issues and preferred trade status. Headlines tell of former secretaries of state expressing support for most-favored-nation status for China; of business lobbies lambasting Secretary Warren Christopher's diplomatic performance in Beijing; and of American businesses suc-

ceeding in China. The calculated spin on political sentiment can be tiresome. It has become clear that Mr. Clinton will renew MFN status for China. This policy should have been adopted long ago. The administration should now redirect its priorities to account for the realities of Chinese-American diplomacy. . STEFAN FRAZIER.

#### A Bronx Cheer

Regarding "An Unpleasant Echo From a U.S. Name" (March 21) by Clyde Haberman:

Flatbush, mentioced in your article on Brooklynites in Israel, is in Brooklyn, oot Queens, and has been since the Dutch settled the southern trp of Long Island in the 17th century, BERTRAM E. SCHWARZBACH.

Editor's note: Mr. Schwarzbach is correct, and so was our correspondent. An editor's error misplaced Flatbush.

# In Still-Quaking California<sub>re</sub>--A Blessing or Two to Counte

By Lou Cannon

SANTA MONICA, California — We are abandoning our ruined apartment here, forced out by the devastating earthquake that shook Southern Califor-

nia two months ago.

My wife and 1 consider ourselves lucky because we have a home to go to near Santa Barbara. The same cannot be said for scores of thousands of people who lost houses, apartments and personal proper-

#### MEANWHILE

ty in a disaster that has left a legacy of physical and psychological aftershocks.

How many were made homeless? The number far exceeds original estimates of a few thousand. At least 50,000 people lived in residences that have been redtagged as uninhabitable by building inspectors because of structural damage. Turee or four times that number have been required to move out of apartments for up to a year while repairs are made.

Our building was not condemned, but it looks as if it had been through an air raid -or the 1992 riots. Its conspicuous features are gaping boles in the walls, boarded-over windows and broken chimneys. When it will be rebuilt

is anyone's guess.

Homeless statistics are a hopelessly inadequate measure of this quake. Some people have lived with relatives since the quake and were never counted as homeless. Hundreds of thousands of people are still in homes that suffered serious damage. Surveys suggest that a million people had measurable loss. But only one-fourth of the homeowners and a handful of renters had earthquake insurance, on which a 10-percent deductible is standard. Because of the high deductible, many of the insured will not collect a penny. The winners are the insurance companies, which are faring better than they did after the hurricanes designated Andrew and Iniki, while the people af-

Some companies have added insult to injury by classifying the recent 5,3 after-shock as a "oew earthquake," requiring a new application of the deductible.

The emotional impact of the aftershocks may be greater than the physical damage. One elderly woman carefully salvaged a handful of china miniatures from a large collection after the Jan. 17 quake. She was philosophical about her loss. But she became depressed when almost all the surviving collection was wrecked hy the March 20 aftershock.

Similarly, a friend who spent \$3,000 oo plaster repairs to his home is on the verge of giving up oo Southern California since the plaster cracked in the latest aftershock. He is convinced that the re-gion has entered a long cycle of quakes. "What's the use of rehuilding?" he said.

The earthquake, lest we forget, killed more than 60 people and doubtless would have claimed hundreds of addi-tional lives had it not struck at 4:31 A.M. on a holiday. Most Southern C. sa. 00 fornians were grateful, courteous read. supportive at first. This cooperative arica tude was gradually worn away by unfre test and aftersbocks, which left people jit!, ti by

and aftersbocks, which left people july the from worry and lack of sleep.

But the exodus from Los Angeles there en was widely predicted has not occur rous for Some even find silver linings, such as at the construction workers who had been july the opposite or underemployed since the Calife said as a conomy went into the tank with ond of the Cold War. Nearly every the last end of the Cold War. Nearly every ingl penter, bricklayer or laborer who we a iob can now find work seven de ne i

Other benefits abound. The quake in a secremento, the state capital, who is conferenced as the state capital, who is conferenced as the state capital. Sacramento, the state capital, who is a tracelerated a lagging schedule of is tall forcing bridges and freeways. Real es: ng is enjoying a mild and amost unnoting n he boom in riot torn South Central Los beests. geles, an area little damaged ov ly ma-, quake. So is rapid transit throughout sea Air region, although no one knows if the as minn preference for buses and trains will an th

vive reconstruction of the freeways. Jear And there are intangible henefus. Muste\_ terialism has taken a practical turn. illustrated by a friend who is gettratio married and hopes for gifts of plas. Gr dishes. People who no longer find acof the mulation worth the candle are givented away once-prized possessions. Charif the

ble contributions have increased. hav My wife and I often talked in the ps th about how hard it would be to leave tvis-a once-pleasant apartment, where she i

lived for 17 years. It is a ruin now atomot at all difficult to leave. We feel lucky to have lived here. men

Washington Post Writers Group. cuse

# The Face of Disast link

WE DEEPLY suspect that disasthifest are The Man's mighty rightecCuh payback for our human arrogance. Aviri see the footage and our bearts go out trus the victims in California. Then an innomi voice says: This is for your Jacuzzis, tn th is for your past-life recall, this is for yeatior singlasses perched on top of the he" during meetings at the Polo Lounge.

All of us are sinners against Natu We have been prideful hy daring to a vate ourselves above the level of We have used technology to manipula and in some places destroy our environment; to clothe ourselves in fine threathat feed our vanity; to house ourselves Senergy-wasting dwellings; to map the netic code that organizes our tissues a cells; to create collapsible police bate that can be used to whack rival fig100 skaters oo the kneecap. We are bad. \ an must suffer. This we know. \ an There are ill winds hlowing. Calamted us

is in the air. We have met the disastults o and it is us.

- Joel Achenbach, Washington Poss.



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# taly Rightists Take **Absolute Majority** n the Lower House

ROME — Silvio Berlusconi and neofascist and federalist allies m an absolute majority in the ilian Parliament on Tuesday, and med to the task of overcoming ternal differences enough to be le to form a government.

The Freedom Alliance consisting Mr. Berlusconi's Forza Italia uty, the neofascist National Alliice and the federalist Northern ague won an absolute majority 366 seats in the 630-seat Chamof Deputies, according to offial returns. The rightist coalition so won 155 of 315 seats in the mate, giving it a qualified major-

Mr. Berlusconi, 57, the hillionre owner of a television, press and permarket empire, as well as the ilan AC soccer team, won a pernal victory in Rome, where be at the outgoing budget minister, sigi Spaventa, following a slick ade-for-television campaign. Mr. Berlusconi pledged to work st to give Italy its 53d governent in 50 years, but whether he

ould be the head of it remained in

subt because of divisions among

Umberto Bossi, the head of the

e Freedom Alliance partners.

Northern League, which wants rel-ative independence for the wealthy and industrialized north, lashed out at Mr. Berlusconi as someone who came "from the economic elites created and protected by the

The huge swing to the right gave the neofascists led by Gianfranco Fini their biggest victory since the time of Mussolini. "All of Italy knows we have finally won," Mr. Fini told cheering supporters, some of whom gave the stiff-arm Fascist

Mr. Berlusconi appealed for the parties that campaigned together to stay together and form a govern-

The election was a disappointment for the leftist Progressive Alliance, led by a reform Communist, Achille Occhetto. The alliance, which also included Greens, an anti-Mafia party and a hard-line Communist group, trailed hadly, with 213 seats in the Chamber of Deputies and 122 seats in the Sen-

The center alliance, containing the remnants of the once mighty Christian Democrats, won only 46

(Reuters, AFP, AP) Jubilant supporters of Silvio Berlusconi's Forza Italia celebrating early Tuesday in Rome.



# A Tycoon Strikes a Political Gold Mine

By William Drozdiak Washington Post Service

ROME - He is often called a hybrid bereen Rupert Murdoch and Ross Perot. But the ue character of Silvio Berlusconi, the Italian edia tycoon, is hard to pin down.

Mr. Berlusconi, 57, who emerged as the most minant political figure in Italy after his ree-party conservative alliance won historic ational elections, regards himself as a selfade man who rose from being a crooner on a uise ship to command a business empire with billion in annual sales. It includes three levision stations, mass-market magazines, ist real estate boldings and Italy's most sucessful soccer team.

Yet even though he portrayed himself to the ectorate as an innocent ontsider in the maner of Mr. Perot, the American populist, Mr. erlusconi is a pure product of the hand-inove relationship that prevailed between big usiness and the political hierarchy in Italy ver the past decade.

The son of a Milanese bank clerk, Mr. Berisconi went into real estate after his university ays and plowed his father's savings into the onstruction business. By the end of the 1960s, e hit the jackpot by making millions on a turistic suburban housing complex for 10,000 cople called Milano IL.

His real fortune, however, came in the early

1980s when he reaped huge dividends from his close friendship with Bettino Craxi, the Socialist leader now awaiting trial on corruption

In 1984, when Mr. Craxi became prime minister and pushed for deregulation of state television, Mr. Berlusconi acquired the three commercial stations that would produce a financial bonanza and become the cornerstone of his empire. Since then, he has been addressed in the ftalian press as Sua Emittenza, or His Broadcastship, a pun on the title of Catholic cardinals addressed as Sua Eminenza, or His Eminence.

During the same decade, Mr. Berlusconi expanded his holdings under his Fininvest empire to include Italy's largest advertising agency, Publitalia, the publishing house Mondadori, the huge supermarket chains Standa and Euromercato, the insurance company Mediolanum and the financial services firm Programma Ita-

Business sources say Mr. Craxi also used his personal political fief in Milan to belp ease zoning laws for Mr. Berlusconi's real estate projects in the wealthy Lombardy region. Mr. Berlusconi has not been charged with any crimes, but the tycoon's brother Paolo was arrested in February and accused of paying nearly \$700,000 in bribes to clinch the sale of three buildings outside Milan to a pension fund managed by Italy's principal state-owned sav-ings bank.

In 1990, Mr. Craxi served as best man at Mr. Berlusconi's second marriage to Veronica Lario, an actress 20 years his junior who has borne him three children. He also has two children in their 20s from an earlier marriage to Carla Dall'Oglio.

Mr. Berinsconi also was a member of the P2 Masonic Lodge, a clandestine club of influential politicians and businessmen that became embroiled in a murky plot dating back to the 1970s in which the military and secret services were allegedly preparing a coup to thwart any participation in government by the Commu-

During the campaign, Mr. Berlusconi claimed his movement, Forza Italia, or Go Italy, became popular because it benefited from the spontaneous outbursts of citizens who were successful in private life and wanted to help purge the corrupt establishment by entering politics on their own. He insisted that all 267 of Forza Italia's candidates for parliament must have no prior political experience.

Yet the quest for votes was conducted with modern professional trappings. Roberto Lasagna, a public relations specialist from the ad-vertising firm Saatchi & Saatchi, was brought in

to orchestrate the campaign.
As a result of this extraordinary network of resources and people, Mr. Berlusconi was able to jump into politics only two months ago and still overwhelm the organizations of his rivals.

## **ITALY:**

#### Turbulent Right Continued from Page 1

who had ruled without a break since 1948 in 52 coalition govern-But the lurch to the right also

raised alarms. While the neofascists these days call themselves "postfascists" and have repudiated Mussolini's anti-Semitic racial laws, they trace their lineage directly to the former dictator. Mussolini's granddaughter,

Alessandra Mussolini, won a place in parliament in her Naples constitnency in the just-completed twoelection.

For years, the neofascists have hovered on the fringes of Italian politics, securing a steady 5 percent to 6 percent of the vote but no significant parliamentary represen-

Now, though, with the neofas-cists claiming to have won 105 parhismentary seats — almost three times their share in the previous Parliament - and to have more than doubled their percentage of votes cast, "it will no longer be like this," said Eugenio Scalfari, editor in chief of La Repubblica, which opposed the rightist alliance.

## **BOSNIA:** Short 'Shelf Life'

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Croatian sphere of influence in Bosnia by forcing his Croat proxies in Bosnia in agree to a federation with the Muslim-led government in

Other steps, however, remain. These include rewriting Croatia's constitution to represent the country as a nation of citizens and not Croats first, and taking measures to ensure that the rights of Serbs, Muslims and other minorities in Croatia are protected in fact as well as in law. Compensation also would have to be made to the estimated 5,000 Serbs whose houses have been burned by Croat gangs.

Finally, in Bosnia, the government in Sarajevo has been persuad-ed to end its military offensives in central Bosnia against Croat militias and embrace a federation with its erstwhile enemies. Although the federation dilutes the power of the Muslim-dominated central government in Sarajevo, it creates a Bosnian state that can exist either independently or in confederation with Croatia.

The first problem such a plan would face regards Serb intentions. Is the prospect of relaxed economic sanctions and an end to their international isolation enough to entice them to settle for a chunk of Bosnia but not Croatia? And if Mr. Milosevic is convinced, is he powerful enough to deliver the Serb minor-ities of Bosnia and Croatia, whose forces have done well in the last two years of warfare?

If the Croatian Serbs reject rule by Mr. Tudjman's government, many diplomats predict Mr. Milo-sevic will cut his substantial military and economic support to the region. Mr. Tudjman would then be left with one option — war. This problem has its echoes in

The one great success so far of

the recent diplomatic measures has been an agreement between Croat and Muslim factions in Bosnia to form a decentralized federation of ethnically based cantons. But success of the deal depends on whether the Busnian Serbs hand over enough territory in satisfy Muslim and Croat demands.

Secondly, the Muslim enclaves of Srebrenica, Gorazde and Zepa remain isolated in Serb-held territory in eastern Bosnia. Trading them for territory in other parts of Bosnia would involve a population shift of tens of thousands of people, and a difficult political decision on the part of the Bosnian govern-

Finally, in Bosnia, some critics of the peace plan say it lacks a scheme to use the influence of the UN and the West to limit the power of the nationalist forces that set off the conflict in the first place.

# Of Crime and Punishment: Singaporeans Unleash Debate Court to Consider Appeal for U.S. Teenager

SINGAPORE - The case of an American teenager whose caning sentence on a vandalism charge will go to an appeals hearing before the ngapore High Court on Thursday has aroused strong emotions in a country often criticized in the West

for conforming to state controls.

While the Singapore government has said that it will not be influenced by American government protests at the harsh punishment, a significant number of Singaporeans, especially young people, ap-pear to agree with President Bill Clinton that the penalty is out of proportion to the offense.

"I can understand if it's for murder, but here bodily harm is given out as punishment where no bodily harm was inflicted." a 25-year-old trainee architect said.

Other Singaporeans, in private conversation and in letters to the press, have expressed similar senuments, although views are clearly

Some people strongly support the government in arguing that caming is part of a system of deterrence that has helped to make Singapore one of the safest and cleanest cines in the world.

Public opinion polls are seldom conducted in Singapore and there has not been one concerning the case of Michael Peter Fay. 18, of St. Louis, Missouri, who was sentenced ov a lower court judge on March 3 to six strokes of the cane, four months in jail and a fine of 3,300 Singapore dollars (\$2,100) after pleading guilty to two charges of vandalism, two of mischief and one of retaining stolen property.

The charges involved spray-painting and throwing eggs at cars and possessing Singapore flags and road signs left as farewell gifts by a friend. The paint was removed with

In an intervention that Singapore's Straits Times newspaper said was a "heroic" gesture de-signed to "go down well with the American public," Mr. Clinton said in response to a journalist's question that the United States had filed a strong protest with the Sin-gapore authorities over the sen-

The Singapore government has taken the position that the law must be observed and applied equally to citizens and foreign resi-

dents alike.
Officials said that of the 14 people aged between 18 and 21 who were convicted of vandalism in Singapore courts and sentenced to caning in the last five years, 12 were

Singaporeans and two foreigners. Lee Hsien Loong, the deputy prime minister, said it would be absurd if there were separate laws

for Americans in Singapore. He said he saw no reason wby foreigners should be more thinskinned" than Singaporeans about

One Singaporean letter writer to the Straits Times noted that in the United States, an innocent Japanese student was shot dead not long ago while asking for directions to a party, and a U.S. court found his killer not guilty.

There were many Japanese and Asians who were outraged by the ble to predict how the case would findings, the writer said, "but we affect American business activity, have to respect the decision of the but "it is likely to cast a cloud over U.S. court and the prevailing values of their society."

Mr. Fay was one of nine foreign students arrested for suspected vandalism in October. Of the others, two were American and two Malaysian. There were also a Belian, an Australian, a Thai and a

Hong Kong student.
The Australian disappeared before the police completed their investigation. He is believed to have

fled the country.

Apart from Mr. Fay, only two of the other students were charged with vandalism and mischief. One, a Malaysian aged 15, is awaiting sentence. The other, a Hong Kong youth aged 16, is undergoing trial.

The case has caused widespread concern among the large foreign community in Singapore, especial-ly parents with teenage children who are worried that they may fall afoul of local laws that are frequently much harsher than those in their bome countries.

The American Chamber of Commerce in Singapore said its members were "shaken" by the caning

In a statement, the chamber said had always supported the Singapore government's "aggressive enforcement of law and order" and believed it was one of the reasons why Singapore was an attractive

place to live and do business. "However, we simply do not understand how the government can condone the permanent scarring of any 18-year-old boy - American or Singaporean — by caning for such an offense," it said.

The chamber said it was impossi Singapore's international reputa-

# Southeast Asian Nations Press Case For Demilitarizing Spratly Islands

International Herald Tribune

SINGAPORE - Southeast Asian countries, concerned that growing tension in Northeast Asia could spill over into their region, called Tuesday for new measures to maintain peace and stability.

President Fidel V. Ramos of the nilippines said that the six nations with competing claims to the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea should demilitarize the area.

At a news conference in Hanoi after talks with Vietnamese leaders, he urged that instead of maintaining armed forces in the Spratlys, e-claimants — China, Vietnam, Taiwan, the Philippines, Malaysia and Brunei — should cooperate to develop the region's resources together. All but Brunei have stationed troops on islands they occu-

Mr. Ramos had earlier suggested for oil, gas, fisheries and other re- sources of tension in East Asia. sources in the South China Sea.

A senior Philippine official said United States and Japan over that Vietnam had responded posi- trade, and between the United tively to the proposal to demilita- States and China over trade, huthat hold the key to control of sur-relations.

to withdraw their forces. Unless all agree, the plan will not work. China proposed several years

ago that rival claims to sovereignty be put aside in favor of joint coopcration, but informal talks between terests in the area have diminished the six countries on such a plan and need to be supplemented by have made little progress. Beijing, which claims much of ments the South China Sea, said recently Mr.

that it would extend its administra- chases of advanced fighters and pendent oceanography body to Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and supervise the disputed islands as Singapore should be welcome be well as their territorial waters. In a speech to a security confer- curity in Southeast Asia.

a freeze on all "destabilizing activities" and called for such confidence-building measures as marine
research, environmental protection

a special to a security conterto a security in sorticals. Assu"If countries in this part of the
world are unable or unwilling to
take responsibility for maintaining
peace and stability, no outside and joint development programs pursuit of a nuclear capability were power will do the job for us," he He said that conflict between the

rize the islands, a scattered set of man rights and democracy, could about 90 islands, atolls and reefs harm their political and security rounding maritime areas.

But analysts said it would be he said it was as important today Faced with such uncertainties,

difficult to persuade all claimants for countries in the region to maintain a strong defense capability as it was during the Cold War. Defense planners in Sontheast

Asia say that with the collapse of the Soviet Union, U.S. defense instronger regional security arrange-

Mr. Yeo said that recent purwarships, or plans to do so, by cause this would help preserve se

added.

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Notes and A Marine Control

# **Both Koreas Strike Peaceful Tone**

Young Sam of South Korea took a conciliatory position Tuesday in the dispute over North Korea's nuclear program, and a leading Northern diplomat said his side would not be the first to fight.

The softening of the language in the dispute came as Mr. Kim concluded a visit to China, North Korea's most powerful ally.

Through consultation and dia-logue, I believe we can solve this

problem smoothly," he said at a news conference.

SEOUL - President Kim resolve this issue through dialogue its nuclear sites could lead to war. and persuasion,"

who also has visited Tokyo to dis-cuss the crisis urged China to play The South Korean president, cuss the crisis, urged China to play an active role in persuading North Korea to end its isolation and the confrontation on the nuclear issue.

about the possibility attacking the South.

"We are defensive Sop, Pyongyang's an China, one of the five permanent

members of the United Nations Seting pressure on Pyongyang to force it to open its nuclear sites to inspection would be counterpro-

ductive. In contrast to his recent warnings that South Korea's patience as the increasingly defiant North and does not depend on any other repeatedly warned that interna-

said he would persist in efforts "to tional efforts to force inspection of But on Tuesday a senior North Korean ambassador answered with

"We are defensive only," Li Do Sop, Pyongyang's ambassador to Thailand, said at a news conference in Bangkok. "We have built many members of the United Nations Security Council, maintains that put-

South Korean officials say any punitive action without Chinese collaboration would be ineffective because North Korea gets the bulk

## SUMMIT: Tense South Africa Postpones Peace Talks

violence here and in Natal, that a

"substantially free and fair" vote could not be held next month. Archbishop Desmond M. Tutu, the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize laureate, added his voice Tuesday to the are, added his voice I desday to the growing call for the election to proceed, despite the growing volability of the campaign. "The elections must happen," he said. "I believe the situation," if the elections are postponed, "will be disastrous."

The police revised upward their death toll from Monday's violence.

death toll from Monday's violence ants rang out from a building or street level, at a time when no one to 53 as they counted the dead from buildings around the park. Five dozens of confrontations that oc- people were killed there. curred throughout the day.

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The gunhattle nutside Shell
Zulu marchers themselves apHouse left eight marchers dead and

blocked commuters from going to work. But in the two worst incidents in

central Johanneshurg, the marchers appear to have been on the receiving end. Numerous witness said that the trouble began at Library Gardens, the small park dent. Some witnesses said ANC sewhere the march terminated, when sniper fire from unknown assail-

pear to have been the provocateurs 20 wounded near a rear entrance to

in some of the deadly confronta- the building, where the ANC has tions with ANC supporters, partic-offices. The ANC claimed its secuularly when they set up barricades rity personnel fired in self-defense roads leading in the city and when the building was in danger of being invaded.

But the police said they found no automatic weapons on the dead and wounded in that incident, most ons fire from the ANC. The ANC suffered no casualties in the incicurity aides fired nn the marchers from a balcony on the floor above was in a life-threatening situation.

A police detective sought to enter the ANC headquarters building Tuesday to search for weapons, but the ANC did not let him in.

#### The House of Lords Shuts the Door To Opponents of Sunday Shopping

LONDON — Britain's upper house of Parliament, the House of Lords, voted Tuesday to accept reforms to let stores open on Sundays in England and Wales.

The House of Commons voted in December for a compromise that would let shops open on Sunday, but restrict major supermarket chains to six hours of trading.

The vote by the Lords, which could have overturned the December

lower house decision, brought to a close a long-running battle over

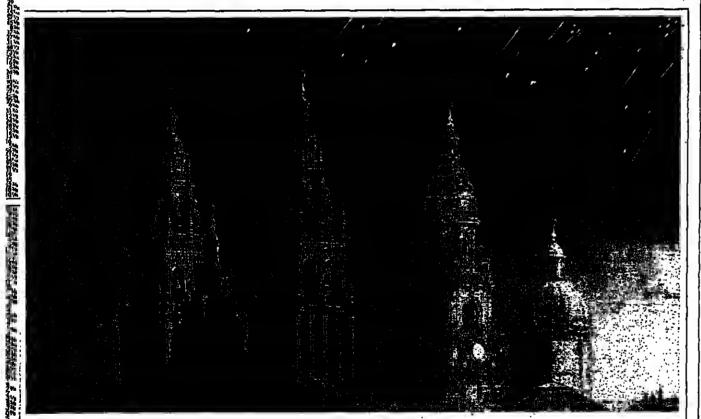
the issue, with opponents saying Sunday shopping would ruin this officially Christian nation's one day of rest. The bill now will become

Sunday trading has been allowed in Scotland and Northern Ireland for some time.

Leakey Successor Takes Wildlife Post in Kenya

NAIROBI - President Daniel arap Moi named a conservationist, David Western, on Tuesday to replace Richard Leakey as director of Kenya's Wildlife Service, an official statement said.

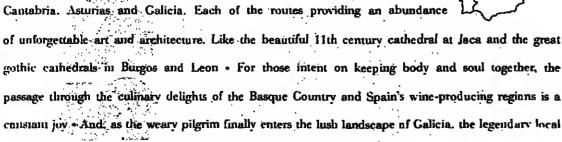
Mr. Western, 50, a Kenyan citizen, has a zoology degree and is author of a several of works on conservation. Mr. Moi, after first refusing Mr. Leakey's resignation over policy differences, finally accepted it last week.



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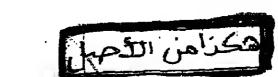












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# Image of a Black Jesus Is Spreading Through African-American Churches

By Laurie Goodstein

Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — Black Christ images are appearing in stained-glass windows, statues, murals and paintings in churches from New Jersey to California. The trend signals a change much deeper than the color of Jesus's skin.

"We look at this as a major movement," said Maurice Jenkins, an artist. The slave trade took away our culture and our religion, and now this is a natural progression for the black church to revitalize the African traditions that were taken away."

The Afrocentric approach — which puts Africa at the heart of history and culture, shunning the Western bias toward Europe as the cradle of civilization is being adopted by individual returning to church. churches of many denominations in a variety of ways. Entire congregations turn out for church dressed in African finery oo "African Awareness Sundays." Even at regular Sunday services, Ghana-

ian kente cloth outlits are replacing Easter frocks and somber suits.

Preachers stress the place of blacks in the Bible, drawing from more than a dozen recent books published on the subject. The Original African Heritage Study Bible, a King James version with photo-graphic re-enactments of Bible scenes using black models, has sold about half of the 300,000 copies in print.

Drummers and guitarists spice up musical offerings, accompanying and some-times even replacing the church organist. Choirs wearing robes trimmed with kente cloth sing rousing gospels in previously staid Catholic and Pentecostal services. The impact of these changes is still

being felt, but one is already clear: Some blacks who dismissed Christianity years ago as a "white man's religion" are now

The coocept central to all these changes in churches is the shift away from thinking of Jesus as white. It has long been tradition in churches throughout the world for images of Jesus to mirror the of strong African and black conscious-

ed in Latin America as Hispanic, in Asia as Asian and in Africa as black.

U.S. churches of the African Methodist Episcopal denomination have accepted black Christ images for 100 years, since Bishop Henry McNeal Turner first ut-tered the words "God is a Negro."

The difference oow is that Afrocentric scholars are fast popularizing research that they say proves that the "Jesus of history" was a man of color, an "Afro-Asiatic Jew." Ministers who say they would have been uncomfortable having black Christ images in their churches even five years ago oow do so, saying such depictions are "historically accurate."

In 1970, the gradosting class of How-ard University School of Divinity tried to present the school with a picture of a black Christ, recalls the Reverend Willie Wilson, then senior class president.

"They refused to display it," Mr. Wilson said. "Back then it was just anathema. That was the height of the first wave

ty" He added: "People wore Afres and dashikis and read some books, but it was superficial. It wasn't internalized."

Now "it's much deeper," said Mr. Wilson, pastor of Union Temple Baptist Church, one of the strongest examples of an Afrocentric approach to religious life. Howard's Divinity School has become

one of the centers of black scholarship. home to such professors as Cain Hope Felder and Kelly Brown Douglas, author of the new book "The Black Christ." Mr. Felder, author of the book "Trou-

bling Biblical Waters: Race, Class and Family," has spoken at dozens of church workshops and seminars since the publication last year of the African Heritage Bible, for which he edited the essays on the presence of Africans in biblical times.

Mr. Felder says Jesus of Nazareth was an "Afro-Asiatic Jew" who "probably looked like a typical Yemenite, Trinidadi-

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MEXICO CITY — Mexico's

governing Institutional Revolu-

Conary Party said Tuesday that it

had chosen Ernesto Zedillo Ponce

de Leon, a Vale-trained economist

and former education minister, as

its candidate in the August presi-

The announcement was made a

few hours after the other leading

contender, Fernando Ortiz Arana,

Mr. Zedillo had run the election

campaign of Luis Donaldo Colo-

sio, the party's presidential candi-

date, who was assassinated by a

gunman Wednesday in the oorth-

Mr. Zedillo is a strong supporter

"We are convinced that Zedillo

the best" candidate, said Mr.

Ortiz Arana, 49, president of PRI's

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are sure he has the courage and

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an or African-American of today." He finds proof for this in biblical passages, such those in Matthew where the "angel of the Lord" commands Joseph to sion that Jesus in history was black, said take Mary and Jesus to hide in Egypt. Mr. Mitchell, author of "The Gospel Ac-"Imagine the divine family as Europeans hiding in Africa!" Felder writes in the Bible's introduction. "This is quite doubt-

Among academics, Mr. Felder's ideas are not widely accepted or even known. Robert Funk, chairman of the Jesus Semmar, a roundtable of New Testament scholars, said most scholars accepted that Jesus, 8 Jew, was a Semite, "swarthy in complexion," but hardly black.

Mr. Funk had never heard the term "Afro-Asiatic Jew." He laughed and said: "I suppose we'll be claiming next that he was a woman. Or that he was Asian. Or that he was Native American. The possibilioes are unlimited."

Stephen Mitchell, a biblical scholar said: "If I were black, I would definitely be talking about Christ as black. I am very much in sympathy with this desire to show that Jesus was one of us." But there is "oo validity" to the conclu-

cording to Jesus." The Gospels provide no information about the ancestry of Mary, who as the virgin mother of Jesus provides the only relevant genealogy. And if Jesus looked any different than an ordinary Jew, the accounts would have made mention of it as in the references to the Ethiopian cunuch, he said.

Mr. Mitchell added: "I think it is very important to respect the truth with all of our hearts. Once you let your desire be-come more important than the truth, you get into real trouble. You have people in of the Organization of America pur-Nazi Germany writing about Jesus as States will be to create a single free a blond-haired Gentile. It's very danger-trade zone for countries in the by pre-Nazi Germany writing about Jesus as a blond-haired Gentile. It's very danger-ous to take your desires too seriously."

Some churchgoers ask why it matters what color Jesus was. Kelly Brown Douglas, of Howard, bris-

tles at that question. "If you aren't able to see God in yourself and yourself in God, then you can't see yourself as a child of God," she said.

Martinez, 23, a plastics factory me-

chanic, confessed to the killing and

Mr. González identified the sec-

ond suspect as Tranquilino San-

chez Venegas, who he said was hired the day of the campaign rally by a local PRI boss.

The major Mexico City newspa-

per El Universal published photo-graphs showing Mr. Colosio mo-ments before he was shot and

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nity chief could have been involved.

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# OAS Chief Proposes Hemisphere

New York Times Service

BOGOTA — President Ces: 300 Gaviria Trujillo of Colombia sa his main objective as the new lead

Mr. Gaviria, who was just elec tions. We want to create a single

larger free-trade zone." In addition to the economic i sues, he addressed the issues or redelight the organization up 1 432 date in the post-Cold War word lass and cooperation in fighting th drug trade.

He said he would encourage n

in a military coup. "It is not that the organizatio" has been debilitated," said Mr. Gr viria. "But with the ending of the

Last year, Colombia restore diplomatic relations with Cubi ending 11 years of estrangemen that began when Bogota accuse. Cuba of training and aiding Colombian leftist rebels. Mr. Gaviri ture as Mr. Sánchez Venegas and said be was a member of Mr. Colo-

> When asked about the differ ences between his stance on Cub and Washington's, Mr. Gaviri said: "All of us in America trus that Cuba will undergo economi and political changes that, in the

Trade Zone

Western Hemisphere. ed secretary-general of the group said in an interview: "We want the different trade agreements in th continent to converge into one si gle process, under equal cond

form of the OAS, which has bee widely criticized as increasingly is oneffectual. It lost prestige when Air was unable to persuade Haiti's mi itary government to agree on th return to power of President Jean Bertrand Aristide, who was ouste!

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Zedillo is a former secretary of programming and the budget, a post he left for the education department in 1992, Mr. Zedillo, who has oever run for public office, had resigned the

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#### ONDON THEATER

## Rediscovered Masterpiece Of Victorian Sex Warfare

By Sheridan Morley ational Herald Tribune

ONDON — It's a curious reality of the current London theater that whereas the major subsidized companies all have so-called literary departints, the great rediscoveries are nearly always ade on the minimal resources of the fringe any Arthur Jones's "The Case of Rebellions san," written a century ago, should long the have turned up on a National or RSC will through late Victorian theater, but it has en left to the ever-enterprising Sam Walters the Orange Tree in Richmond to go down to

lenry Arthur Jones, in ie 1890s, was a more opular playwright than ither Shaw or Wilde.

s local library and turn up a period piece of

Jones was in the 1890s a more popular playright than either Shaw or Wilde, despite the ouble he got himself into for rewriting Ibsen's Label's House" with a "happy" ending hereby Nora returns to the family fold. For all at, he was radical enough to suggest, in "Sun," that there was something a little awry ith a society which always forgave a hus-ind's infidelity but regarded a wife's as unfor-

In the first moments of his drawing-room medy of manners, Jones sets up the dilemma: ady Susan, having discovered her husband's fidelity, decides to head for Cairo and "pay m back in his own kind."

Jones, given the climate of the times and mands of his first producer, was canny tough to leave us in the dark about what ecisely happens on the Nile. But his debate ges across three acts of guarded sexual warre, in which every point of view, from the auvinist to the suffragette, gets a character to seak up for it. Malcolm Sinclair is perfectly in gried as the lawyer-uncle who has to hold the mily together as moral absolutes crumble all ound him with the turn of the century and the ming of the oew woman. Auriol Smith's proaction is an elegant masterpiece of period

At a time when all too many West End seater managers are turning over their stages ) stand-up comics who do little more than epeat their televisioo monologues at the microhone for audiences paying up to £30 a ticket, it eems more than usually perverse of my critical olleagues out to have given a much warmer relcome to Paul Merton who, at the Palladium, show around that temple of derelict vaudeville

rather than just do the usual routine. Merton has rightly perceived that the Palla-dium used to be a music hall rather than musi-cal hall, and his act is a weird and wondrous ribute to the great days of the poodle act and men who used to fill the stage with flags. Where else would you now get to see "The Dam-Busters" entirely re-enacted by rabbit glove-puppets, or a bizarre tribute to the worst of 960s pantomimes entirely cast with television stars nobody had ever beard of even then?

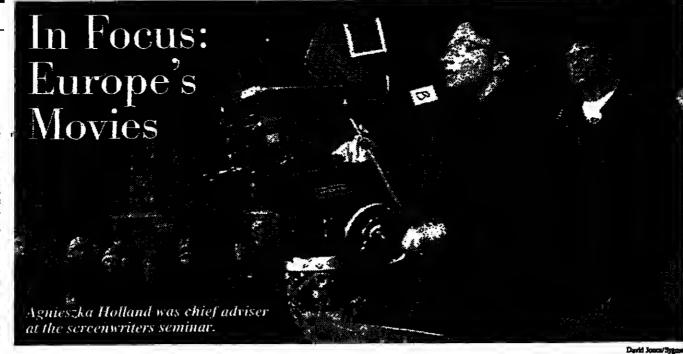
One of Merton's best and most surreal notions is that of the poodle act; his poodles having unfortunately been killed in a horrendous car smash, he presses on regardless with their routine having first reassured us that it is what the poodles would have wanted, in the best traditions of the show going on. Some of his other sketches are very sketchy indeed: Merton is so laid hack as to be horizontal, but his rage at discovering the Russian comic he has been hired to interpret is in fact stealing his own act remains joyous. Like all the great comics he doesn't just act, he reacts to the chaos of the world around him, and he has elevated the shrug to an art form of its own.

OU'D be well-advised to time your arrival at "Hot Shoe Shuffle" (at the Queen's) for the interval. The first half is just awful, but the second is unmissable. Originally conceived and staged in Perth (Western Australia rather than Scotland). David Atkins's celebration of tap dancing starts disastrously with a plot about seven dancing brothers and their Amazonian sister (Rhonda Burchmore) trying to claim a legacy by performing the show their father always

Rehearsals and makeup are terminally boring, but about 10 minotes into Act 2 they raise the curtain on the big band and for 40 following minutes the stage comes alive as number after Broadway and Hollywood number is given the tap-dance treatment by a breathtakingly agile team, all of whom seem to be in training for the next Tap Olympics. There's oo real show here, but the dancing is just tremendous. They should take it around the world on ocean liners.

It is perhaps not coincidental that both the producer of this show and the owner of the theater where it plays are Australians, for I doubt that a more local management would have run its risks. It's essentially an exhibition of the various forms of tap, put together in a city starved by thousands of miles of any real show-biz traditions.

In that sense, "Hot Shoe Shuffle" is really a cabaret, but cabaret like satire is renowned for not selling at West End prices. Hence the lame and halting attempt to throw in (and then out) the family-legacy plot. As for the score, it is an uneasy mix of Duke Ellington, Irving Berlin and a dozen others from the golden years of the American musical, songs all chosen for their rescome to rain Merton who, at the Palladium, as at least had the grace to fashion an entire for that.



By Joan Dupont

ORDEAUX - Jeanne Morean, speaking of the screenplays she read as president of the French Film Funding Board, emitted a terse verdict: "If some of the people who wrote those scripts were carpenters who made chairs, we'd all he on our rear ends." Moreau was addressing the first session of Equinoxe, a screen-writing workshop modeled after Robert Redford's Sundance Institote and launched last fall near Bordeaux. Now a spring term, co-produced by Equinoxe founder Noelle Deschamps and the Canal Plus pay-TV network, has assembled another international team of young filmmakers and matched them with seasoned advisers.

Château Beychevelle, where the workshop took place, is oear Margaux and just about as far from Redford's Utah ski lodges as you can get, but the ambience was heady, belped perhaps by the good wine. There was talk about the ills of European cinems and movies with auteurs but oo plots that miss their audiences and lose out in the international market.

If Morean was frank, Agnieszka Holland, chief adviser at the spring session, was brutal: "There's a big difference between the American proach and the European approach," she said. "In the U.S., cinema is an industry, with real screenwriters. Here it's more individual expression — aside from one or two names. France has no screenwriters; directors have nobody to write for them."

A Polish filmmaker who has written screenplays for Andrzej Wajda, Holland knows both systems well. Her "Europa, Europa" (Golden Globe) and "Olivier, Olivier" (an Oscar nomination for best screenplay) were Europeanmade, Her latest, "The Secret Garden," the first film she did oot script, was produced by Francis Ford Coppola's American Zoetrope, shot in England and is now being released in Europe.

A small woman of towering energy, Holland was wearing a bulky sweater over tights and running shoes as she sprinted through the châ-teau's stately halls, taking on screenwriters one-

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on-one, and making pungent remarks on cul-

"Among the young screenwriters here — American, French, English and Irish — the Anglo-Saxons are more aware that the script is a necessary stage of the work to communicate a story to an audience; the French are more personal, and, in a way, pretentious; it's like somebody who already shot the movie in his head and the images are so beautiful, he doesn't want to change anything. French art is more lyric, and the Anglo-Saxon tradition is in the tradition of English theater — more realistic

"I'm closer to English-speaking cinema than to French, in terms of storytelling. My films are more successful in the U. S. than France. It may be a question of my temperament and life experience. I feel close to Jewish culture and a big part of American culture, especially in New York, is Jewish — I'm not just thinking of Woody Allen, but of the kind of East European Jewish sensibility that made great American cinema in the '30s and '40s.

"Polish culture is very thin, built mostly from opposition to oppressions of the last 200 years. Now, people are trying to find their roots. I spoke to Wajda about this because we enjoy Chinese cinema -you feel the deep strength of the culture -and there hasn't been that kind of explosion of expression in the Eastern Europe-

Holland, born in Warsaw, has a long history as a political outcast. Since her teens, every decade has meant a move to a new culture and language. At 17, because of her father's politics and tragic death, she left the country and studied at the Czech Film Academy. After Dubcek's fall, she was obliged to leave and returned to Poland. In 1971, she joined Wajda's film collec-tive. "I had been blacklisted and he fought for me. We became friends; he produced my first movie." She collaborated on Wajda's screenplays, from "A Love in Germany" to the recent "Doctor Korezak." After martial law was proclaimed in 1981, she came to France.

Recently another friend working in France, Krzysztof Kieslowski, named her as consultant on "Trois Couleurs: Bleu, Blanc, Rouge." Krzysztof is my closest friend among directors. We help each other informally: this time, he wanted to do it more formally, so we met for three days when his treatment was ready, then when his first draft was ready. We beld a kind

At Equinoxe, each adviser reads every script ing in the arts.

and spends time with each writer, giving ideas, listening to explanations. "After a week, the gny has the opinion of nine professionals; if be's smart, he'll get something from it. And the experience has been good for me, because when I speak with young people, I'm thinking about myself and my own work."

Holland can get riled about "autistic and egocentric" European movies: "The problem is out that they are for smaller audiences; the problem is that they are for oobody. European cinema is committing suicide. You have a sys-tem of subsidies and promotion that is neces-sary, but it can undo the filmmakers' sense of responsibility. In Germany, more than 100 [feature and TV] movies are made a year; only five

can touch an audience."

In Berlin, Holland taught filmmakers like the Haitian Raoul Peck: "He's a good example, interesting and smart. Some of the German guys seemed more spectacular, but Peck has something to say."

ODAY'S filmmakers, she feels, suffer from an identity crisis that is at the root of European society; "The generation before went through the war, communism and fascism, hope and disaster. This generation has no real problems and nothing to say—they haven't found their subject and have no real connection with their time. Sometimes the first films are good, and then they get sterile, like Peter Greenaway. The movies that survive are the ones with strong social feeling, like mov-ies by Ken Loach or Mike Leigh."

There were times during the session when Holland found herself defending European films: "I'm more open than the Americans here who can't understand how the pace can be so slow; I'm educated in this tradition. I love slow pace, but now I'm getting a little impatient. Making a movie is communication: I want to tell the story and to reach different audiences."

The offer to direct "The Secret Garden" came about during the Golden Globes award for "Europa, Europa." "The moment was ripe to do something with an American studio, but 1 knew how difficult it would be. It had to be a special subject to keep relations good and keep cootrol over the movie. I would never do a movie like 'Obvier, Olivier' with a studio; it's more somber and complicated. Making a movie like that without having final cut and depending on what happens during sneak previews that's very dangerous."

Joan Dupont is a Paris-based writer specializ-

# The Sound Under The Sound For Pat Metheny, Silence Is Awful

By Mike Zwerin International Herald Tribune

ARIS - Pat Metheny's "Zero Tolerance for Silence," released this week by Geffen, is a well titled album. My bones are rattling. I am shivering. The horror!

The first impression is of two flat-out stoned Jimi Hendrix tracks at the same time. But it's both deeper and worse than that. Neither rock our jazz, not notes and maybe not even music, the sound exists in undynamic space, like a sculpture. The two channels are oot quite in tune; like chalk on a blackboard, cracking knuckles, low flying jets, a grangy herd of moose, white sound — bone rattling. Guitarist Metheny became one of jazz's higuest draws by making agreeable archivelenge. biggest draws by making agreeable early New Age classics like "As Falls Wichita, So Falls Wichita Falls," while retaining his straight-ahead credentials with the album "80/81" (ECM), with Dewey Redman, and touring last summer with Dewey's young-lion son Joshua. He explained his most recent title to the

French Jazz Magazine: Today we are bombarded without stop by sounds — sounds of fax machines, of zapping between stations and channels. This has always interested me. I think there's a lot of hidden information out there. That's what I'm getting at. The sound under the 'sound.'

A statement of principle worthy of John Cage. Which does not change the fact that these sounds cannot be called beautiful (some of us are old-fashioned).

This is a soundtrack for a "Mad Max" sequel, and it reflects the "Generation X" McJob End-of-the-Empire vision of the future. He made it on the spur of the moment in a few hours when a studio happened to be free. He says be's been thinking of this album for

For five minutes in Part Two, he reveals a smidgeon of silence tolerance with bluesy licks, but it's Ledbelly around-the-bend. Terminator Blues.

One "tune" is played by two mad country fiddlers with electric hair from a Robert Crimb cartoon. There's a synthesized simplicity to it, but ironic, as though he's listening to himself play "simply" and saying, "isn't sim-ple complicated?" Then, Mad Max country again. Total Destroy.

OR most of the past year and a half, Metheny has been living in hotels, this is an alienated man. Yet it has a certain twisted attraction. It does, unfortunately, reflect our times and these days we'll tolerate just about anything that's obviously honest at just about any price.

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JACK'S LIFE: A Biography

**BOOKS** 

of Jack Nicholson

Reviewed by Christopher Lehmann-Haupt

WHAT comes as a small sur-prise in Patrick McGilligan's intermittently engrossing "Jack's Life: A Biography of Jack Nichol-son" is that the screen actor's career did not begin with his performance as George Hanson, the alcoholie Southern small-town lawyer, in "Easy Rider" (1969).

That part was modeled by the creenwriter Terry Southern after At the time "Easy Rider" was

William Faulkner's fictional lawyer Gavin Stevens and was originally meant to be played by Rip Torn. being planned, Nicholson had already been trying to make it in Hollywood for a decade. As McGilligan writes, 'Ten years of scrounging for parts had left him had thrown himself into writing and producing." He happened to he working on

the first Monkees movie for the people who ended up producing "Easy Rider." When Rip Torn quit over salary problems, Nicholson was already working on the film as production troubleshooter, so he was available to step into the va-

McGilligan, whose previous books include biographies of James Cagney, Robert Altman and George Cukor, shrewdly uses the history of Nicholson's serendipitous involvement with "Easy Rida" as his prologue. Then he tops it with the even more surprising story of Nicholson's origins.

dresser and a beautician.

Except that they were not his parents, but his grandparents. As he was not to learn until 1974, when he

cant part. Life as a film star began.

It seems that he had an unremarkable lower-middle-class Catholic upbringing in Neptune, New Jersey. His parents were John and Ethel May Nicholson, a window

Rose, a professional singer Ethel May banished from her daughter's

life before her grandchild was born. McGilligan also mentions the possible paternity of Eddie King, an actor and dance partner o June's whom neighbors thought Nicholson grew up to resemble. The actor oever met either of his putative fathers.

was 37, his mother was June Frances

Nicholson, the woman he had al-

ways thought was his sister. His fa-

ther was reputed to be Don Furcillo-

Along with wonder at his origins, you feel anticipation over the roles Nicholson will be playing that have made him the most electrifying screen actor of the last two decades: Bobby Dupea in "Five Easy Pieces," Billy Buddinsky in "The Last Detail," J. J. Gittes in "Chinatown," Randle P. McMurphy in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's

Nest," Tom Logan in "The Missou-ri Breaks," Jack Torrance in "The Shining," the Joker in "Batman" and James R. Hoffa in "Hoffa." As it turns out, the earlier years of Nicholson's career are the most absorbing to read about.

Apparently, he was always the Jack Nicholson he so often radiates in his roles: the fractious but likable clown with the manic smile. He seems to have picked up his slow drawl with its peculiar emphasis from a high-school friend.

Yet although he was formed carly, he worked extremely hard at hisart, observing practicing reading about and discussing technique. "For all of his improvisational

mystique," McGilligan writes, "he is one of the more assiduously trained motion-picture stars in the history of Hollywood." The author says that while Nich-

olson didn't deter him from writing the book, neither did he talk to the author, and Nicholson discouraged many of his intimates from cooper-

fascination, "Jack's Life" is finally not very much more than apperdrawer fan-magazine gossip.

Christopher Lehmann-Haupt is on the staff of The New York Times.

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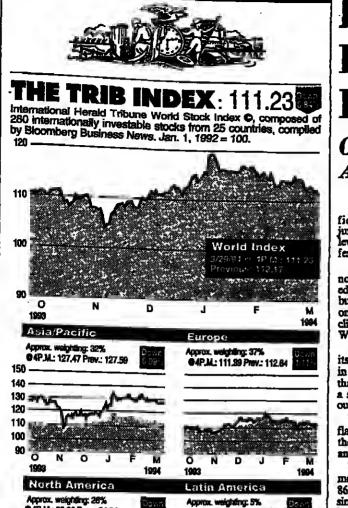
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Services	118.35	118,94	-0.50	Mucellaneous	127.44	128.12	-0.53

# **Economy** Rolls On In U.S.

#### Optimism Rated At 4-Year High

NEW YORK — Consumer confidence in the U.S. economy jumped in March to the highest level in nearly four years, the Conference Board reported Tuesday.

Separately, the government an-nounced that sales of new homes edged up 1.9 percent in February, but noted that this allowed it to only partly reverse the largest de-cline on record a month earlier. The West posted the only gain.

The Conference Board said that its latest reading of consumer faith in the economy was a strong sign that "we may well be on the way to a sustained and reasonably vigorous economic expansion."

But the news raised fears of inflation in the bond market, sending the 30-year yield above 7 percent and pulling stock prices lower.

The index of consumer sentiment rose from 79.9 in February to 86.7 in March, the highest reading since July 1990. The index, calculated on a 1985 base of 100, is derived from a monthly survey of consumers nationwide that assesses their willingness to borrow and spend money. Consumer spending is critical to the economy's expansion, accounting for about twothirds of economic growth.

Fabian Linden, executive director of the Conference Board's Consumer Research Center, noted that the current reading was 26 points higher than it was last October. Certainly, consumer confidence

is now at a level which, over the years, has foreshadowed an increasingly strong economy," he said. At the same time, however, consumers expressed concern about jobs. A higher number of respon-

dents said in March than in February that jobs were "hard to get." The consumer confidence measured in the survey varied widely among geographical zones, with the Mountain, South Atlantic and West North Central regions of the

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# Has Wall Street Topped? Weakness Makes Analysts Wonder

But if this slide marks the start

of a long, sustained decline in

stock prices - a full-fledged bear market - it would be bad for the economy, for federal reg-ulators and for President Bill

Clinton, who has largely enjoyed the economic strength implied by rising stock prices.

A nising stock market can

boost the economy by making Americans feel prosperous. "A major bear market would have a

direct impact on honsehold

spending more than ever because households have more of their money in stocks and bonds than

ever," said Henry Kaufman, a Wall Street economist noted for

Richard McCabe, chief mar-

By Brett D. Fromson Washington Past Service

NEW YORK - The slide in U.S. stocks lengthened Tuesday, with the Dow Jones industrial average plunging 63 points, amid warnings from a growing num-ber of Wall Street analysts that a major correction, if not a longterm market decline, is under

Those who have joined the pessimists' camp say the reasons abound for their dim view of the market. They cite rising interest rates, inflationary expectations, a slowdown of mutual-fund money pouring into stocks, and worldwide political uncertainties ranging from the dumestic Whitewater issue to the threat of trouble in Korea.

Since late January, when it approached the 4,000 mark, the Dow has fallen more than 275 points, or about 7 percent. The index fell through 3,700 Tuesday, finishing down 63,33 points at 3,699.02, according to an early

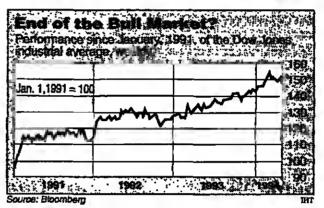
tally.
Other indexes also have fallen. The Nasdaq composite index of over-the-counter issues has fallen more than 6 percent since it set a record on March 18; the index fell 16.96 points on Tuesday, to 755.54.

Some analysts are hoping this is no more than a long-awaited correction, a short-term decline in an otherwise rising market

that helps to keep speculative ket analyst for Merrill Lynch & Co., has told the firm's clients to expect a market decline of 15 to 25 percent. "A decline in the Dow to 3,200 could be a risk," he

> Wall Street's turnaround comes at a time when the economy is expanding and corporate profits are improving, which normally would make traders bull-ish. But many analysts said they believed stock prices still were high relative to profits and dividends paid to investors. Divi-dends would have to improve significantly to justify current stock prices, said Ned Davis, head of Ned Davis Research Inc. David D. Hale, chief economist of Kemper Securities Inc.,

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# Italian Celebration Is Hedged

corrency Tuesday as initial enthusiasm over the elector-al lead by the rightist aliance cooled amid fears that the alliance might have to struggle to form a government. Bickering among supposed allies of Silvio Berlus-coni, head of the alliance, soured the mood, and news

that the alliance might not have won outright majorities in both houses of the legislature added to the

the dollar rose to 1,641 lira from 1,636 on Monday. The trouble is, no one is convinced the alliance can

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches get its act together and form a solid government MILAN — Investors sold Italian bonds and the quickly," one Milan trader said.

But the stock market did not surrender all the upward momentum it showed Monday, when it jumped nearly 4 percent on speculation that the right was heading for a sweep of both legislative houses. The MIB index on the Milan stock exchange ended at 1,128, up from 1,104 Monday.

Mr. Berhiscom, a billionaire media executive, was

reported to have won an outright majority in the 630-The fira and the government bond market, a barone-ter of the financial mood, both ended lower. The price of 10-year bonds for June delivery fell 1.16 points, while lysts said this should be enough to guarantee that a seat Chamber of Deputies, the lower but more powergovernment could eventually be formed.

# State to Punish Former Chief of Crédit Lyonnais

By Jacques Neher International Herald Tribione

PARIS — Jean-Yves Haberer, the former chairman of Credit Lyonnais who has been blamed for the bank's deback, is to be fired from his current banking post, a Finance Ministry source said Tuesday. This person, who refused to be

identified, spoke after Mr. Haberer called for a public investigation into the affairs of Crédit Lyonnais, the state-controlled bank that he ran from 1988 until last November.

The Finance Ministry source in-dicated that Mr. Haberer would be removed as chairman of Credit National, a much smaller state-owned institution, after mounting public reaction to the 6.9 billion franc (\$1.2 billion) loss reported last week by Credit Lyonnais. The bank, weighed down by bad loans, will require a bailout that will cost French taxpayers more than 23 billion francs.

"It took some time for us to evaluate the situation," the government source said.

Earlier Tuesday, Mr. Haberer lashed back at his accusers in politics and the media, charging for the first time that the Socialist government then in power had used the bank as a tool in its political and

economic policy.

The charge appeared likely to fuel new accusations as France increasingly asks where all the money went and why the government and banking authorities were unable, or unwilling, to control a spate of risky loans by the state-owned in-stitution to the real estate and film industries over the past six years. As a result of this aggressive lend-

ing policy and record losses, France's largest bank last week announced a restructuring plan requiring the state to put up 4.9 billion francs in new capital and grant 18.4 billion francs in guarantees on its doubtful property portfolio. Mr. Haberer, who was appointed

by the Socialists to run Credit Lyonnais, emerged from months of silence to denounce what he described as "a media lynching," and called for a public investigation. He accused the Socialists of pres-

suring him to support key economic sectors, even if they lost money, until they lost power to the right in the 1993 legislative elections.

"People are not taking into account the recommendations which I received, at least until March 1993, from the majority state shareholder to support important sectors of the economy and thus contribute to growth and employment, particularly during the years of economic crisis that our country has suf-fered," be said.

Unemployment, now at 12.2 per-cent in France, was largely respon-sible for the voters' rejection of the

Socialists last spring.
"I demand publicly that an inquest examine all that happened and clarify the responsibilities," Mr. Haberer said. "I accept mine. I want them explained and assigned, without hindsight, in a way that is appropriate for public service."

Earlier this week, François d'Anbert, a conservative legislator in the

National Assembly, called for a similar investigation. He said it should focus on the bank's "mysterious and powerful" subsidiary Altus Finance, on a unit called SDBO, and on Clinvest, responsible for the bank's industrial invest-Though Mr. Haberer did not cite

specifics, the bank in 1991 paid 2.5 billion francs for a 20 percent stake in Groupe Usinor-Sacilor, the troubled state-owned steelmaker, and in 1992 it paid 1.4 billion francs for 20 percent of Aerospatiale, the stateowned aerospace company. Losses from both companies contributed to the bank's loss last year. The conservative government of

Edonard Balladur last November replaced Mr. Haberer with Jean Peyrelevade, but gave Mr. Haberer a consolation prize by sending him to Credit National. Some media commentators have suggested that the government was

wrong to keep Mr. Haberer at Credit National given the losses at Crédit Lyonnais. "Between 1988 and 1993, Jean-

Yves Haberer bet 30 to 40 billion See LYONNAIS, Page 13

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#### MEDIA MARKETS

# Wilton Carpets Asian Screens

By Kevin Murphy
International Herald Tribune
ONG KONG — In less than a year, Asia's satellite television business has changed from a battle for pan-Asian supremacy to a country-by-country endurance contest with dozens of new players. Wilton Group PLC typifies the transformation. Wilton, a little-known, London-listed company

that was once a distributor of consumer goods, is turning itself into one of the purest investment plays in the entertainment business across Asia. Wilton has become the holding company for a collection of deals and joint ventures hatched by a young Malaysian entrepreneur, Clive Ng, with a powerful collection of contacts in the market where

two thirds of the world's potential viewers live. A proliferation of new satellite space, programming piracy and protectionism, all wrapped in talk of cultural sensitivity, has sent industry giants such as News Corp.'s STAR TV into a scramble for local partners in nearly every Asian market.

The big international concerns will find companies like Wilton already there, using connections

mes like Wilton already there, using connections rather than large capital outlays to secure a strategic place in the fast-growing industry.

"STAR TV's success has accelerated the cable business in Asia," said Mr. Ng. Wilton's deputy chairman and great-grandson of Lim Chieng Tiek, a Penang-based palm oil trader whose family is now, in the words of a Kuala Lumpor securities analyst, "very rich and very private."

"The only way governments can control what signals come into their country is by granting cable-operating licenses to people they approve," Mr. Ng said. "This has created a lot of new opportunities."

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Wilton emerged as a company to be reckoned with in February, by establishing a satellite television channel for Chinese communities in Europe.

The Chinese Channel joint venture with Shaw Media Corp. of Hong Kong, a company controlled by the family of the Chinese language movie mag-nate Sir Run Run Shaw, is aimed at approximately 250,000 households in Europe.

The network will broadcast 12 hours a day, show-

ing programs made by Hong Kong's Television broadcast Ltd., probably the largest producer of Chineso-language entertainment, and a valuable partner with its own designs on international expansion. Wilton followed up Monday with the announcement of plans to open a movie complex in Singapore's Bugis Junction with another partner in several Action contents. I writed Action Theorem.

en Asian markets, United Artists Theater Circuit Inc., which controls the largest number of movie screens in the United States. "Television will be big in Asia, but people want

to get out of their houses. Going to modern cinema has suddenly become the thing to do," Mr. Ng said. "All the big cinema companies want to break into Asia and with United Artists we're working with a market leader." Through contacts made during time spent in

Denver managing a family-run investment fund, Mr. Ng forged an alliance with United International Holdings Inc., a Denver-based cable television oper-ator with interests in Europe and increasingly, Asia. Wilton owns 20 percent of UIH Asia, which in

turn owns 15 percent of one of Taiwan's leading cable television networks, Po Hsin, controlled by the ruling Nationalist Party, or Kuomintang.
In Hong Kong, UIH Asia is working with the
Wharf Cable network and in Malaysia it is part of a

whan Cane network and in leasysta it is part of a consortium bidding for a country-wide cable-television license expected to be awarded next month.

On its own, Wilton owns a small stake in Thailand's International Broadcasting Corp., which owns a Bangkok cable network. It also has signed a deal to animate and market the comic book characters owned by Hong Kong's Jade Dynasty group.

## Wharf TV Has Airtime For the BBC

HONG KONG — The British Broadcasting Corp.'s World Ser-vice Television, dropped from the China broadcasts of Rupert Murdoch's STAR TV network, was invited back into that market on Tuesday by another television com-pany, Wharf Cable.

The offer by Wharf Cable could provide the BBC with a new foot-

hold in East Asia, a market with huge putential, while offering a marketing challenge to STAR TV, which will be without au interna-tional news service in half of its broadcast area beginning April 17.

STAR TV, purchased by News Corp. in July last year for \$525 million, decided earlier this month to replace the BBC broadcasts in the area dominated by China in a bid to expand its entertainment

What Cable's managing director, Stephen Ng said Tuesday that he had offered the BBC four programming slots on one of his network's English-language channels, "one hour each at breakfast, hunch, sup-per and late at night." Wharf Cable already offers a channel featuring Turner Broadcasting System Inc.'s Cable News Network International

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programming and excise a source of initiation to Beijing.

The BBC had responded favor-ably, said Mr. Ng, who heads an

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## CONSUMERS: Confidence Up

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The lowest consumer-confidence figures came from New England, the Middle Atlantic states and the Pacific, with respective readings of 66.6, 61.5 and 67.8. However, each of those figures marked an improvement from the mooth before. The overall consumer-confi-dence figure is derived from two

#### Foreign Exchange

measures. Consumers' confidence about their present situation was recorded at 77.3 in March, up from 73.1 in February, while expectations for the future registered 93 in March, up from 84.4 the month

Regarding home sales, the Departments of Commerce and Housing and Urban Development said sales totaled 649,000 at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, up from a revised 637,000 in January.

Many analysts had expected February sales to rebound to 715,000 from the initial January estimate of 695,000.

Analysts had attributed the 22.5 percent plunge in January to harsh weather and an unsustainable level of sales in December. It was the steepest since the series began in

Sales totaled a revised 822,000 in December, the largest number since 857,000 in April 1986.

Despite falling from their recent peak, sales during the first two slipped to \$1.4850 from \$1.4961.

months of 1994 still were 6.4 percent above those of the same period a year earlier. Many analysts believe the lost sales will be made up with the arrival of more favorable

weather. But some analysts are concerned that rising mortgage rates could have a depressing effect on sales. Fixed-rate, 30-year mortgage rates reached 7.8 percent last week after averaging 7.15 percent in February, up from 7.07 percent in January and a 25-year low of 6.74 percent in October. Many analysts believe they could hit 8 percent by the end of the year.

■ Dollar Slides Against Yen The dollar fell to a four-week low against the yen oo Tuesday after ashington expressed disappointment with Japan's latest effort to open its markets to U.S. goods, Bloomberg Business News reported from New York.

The dollar, which had been under pressure in Asia and Europe, fell to a 103.125 yen close in New York, down from 104.05 yen on Monday, after U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor said that Japan's effort to open its markets does oot meet U.S goals. But gains in U.S. consumer con-

fidence helped the dollar against European currencies. It rose to 1.6727 DM from 1.6722 DM.

Against other currencies, the dollar rose to 1.4225 Swiss francs from 1.4215 and to 5.7230 French franc from 5.7120. The pound

#### STOCKS: Is Market Past Prime?

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said he was coocerned that the flow of fresh money into mutual funds, which have helped power the market's rise in the past few years, has

Another cause of worry to some traders is that some big investors have been taking profits oo days when stock prices advance and are buying less aggressively when

"There is no conviction, and that is normally associated with bear said John Burnett, a trader at Dooaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corp. "Uocertainty leads to selling."

#### ■ Rates Burden Market

Rising interest rates helped burden the stock market Tuesday, with the price of the benchmark 30-year government bond dropping 30/32 to 90 1/32 and the yield hitting 7.06 percent, up from 6.97 percent Monday and the highest level in more than a year, news agencies reported from New York.

Bonds were hit by a jump in the Conference Board's consumer confidence index for March. The index reached the highest level in about four years, exacerbating tears that inflation is bound to accompany economic growth. Rising inflation is likely to pressure the Federal Re-

serve Board to raise U.S. interest

With bond yields above 7 percent portfolio managers are beginning to consider the allure of fixed-income investments, some analysts said. Losers outpaced gainers by a 10-10-1 ratio on the New York Stock

Exchange on heavy volume of about 300 million shares. Teléfonos de México's American depositary receipts were the most actively traded issue. The shares fell 1 to 59%, selling off with the broader market despite reaching a

leaders on Monday. Steel-making companies were active, with Geneva Steel losing 2 to 15 after it said it expected its loss to widen in the second quarter because of ineffecient production and

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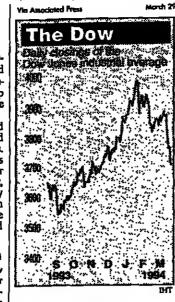
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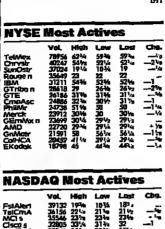
America Online dropped 4½ to 77 after a report that Paul Allen, a cofounder of Microsoft was considering selling his 18 percent stake in the electronic information service. Microsoft also fell, losing 3% to 821/2.

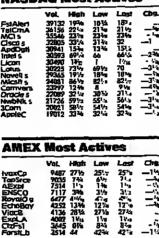
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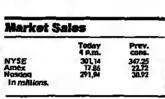
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KLM Offering Takes in \$632 Million Compiled by Our Staff From Depatches

AMSTERDAM — KLM Royal

Dutch Airlines announced Tuesday that its share offering this month had netted 1.19 billion guilders (\$632 million) in new capital.

At the Dutch investment bank

To Our Readers

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time difference between New

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Saving Time begins in the United States.

Kempen & Co., an airline analyst, dividend soon. and England purchased a large majority of the 21.275 million comhad been "reasonably successful" The company said the Dutch government, which owns 38.2 perbut suggested KLM could have recent of the airline, had maintained ceived more for its shares, KLM's close cooperation with 970,455 common shares and prefits current stake by purchasing (Reuters nearly 200 million guilders more Northwest Airlines, the fourth-largerential shares valued at 235 mil-Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg) than expected, the company said. est U.S. carrier, will continue to play lion guilders. (Bloomberg, AP)

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TCI, Viacom Negotiating Cable Deal

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Tele-Communications Inc. is negotiating to purchase Viacom Inc.'s cable television systems for about \$2.2 billion, financial advisers on both sides of the talks said Tnesday.

Viacom, based in Dedham, Massachusetts, would use the proceeds of the sale to reduce the debt inquired from its \$10 billion acquisition of

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TCI, based in Englewood, Colorado, would be able to broaden its reach significantly by folding Viacom's 1.1 million cable subscribers into its sprawing 10.2-million subscriber base.

Turner Broadcasting System is considering acquisitions of Home Shopping Network Inc. and Silver King Communications, people with knowledge of the talks said.

John C. Malore chief attentions of Tele-Communications Inc. in chair.

John C. Malone, chief executive of Tele-Communications Inc., is chairman of Liberty Media Corp., which owns 78 percent of the voting stock of Home Shopping Network. Liberty also has the right to buy control of Silver King, which owns 12 independent television stations.

(NYT)

#### McDermott Has Russian Agreement

MOSCOW (Bloomberg) - McDermott International Inc. on Tuesday

signed joint venture agreements with a Russian company to do marine construction and shipbuilding in Russia's Far East.

The agreements with Amur Shipbuilding of Komsomolsk were signed by Robert Howson, McDermott's chairman and chief executive. The ventures plan to build bulk carriers and tankers for sale worldwide, and to build and install offchore executives in the agreement off Pursic's For East Const. install offshore structures in the waters off Russia's Far East coast.

Separately, a consortium of McDermott and four partners last week reached agreement with Russian authorities to develop oil and gas resources off Russia's Sakhalin Island. The partners are Marathon Oil Co., Royal Dutch/Shell Group, Mitsui & Co. and Mitsubishi Corp.

#### R.J. Reynolds Invests in Czech Plant

NEW YORK (AFX) — R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. said Tuesday that it would invest in a cigarette plant in the Czech Republic.

The company, a unit RJR Nabisco Holdings Corp., said it would begin conversion of an existing plant in Benesov, near Prague. The refurbished plant will have a capacity of about 2.5 billion cigarettes annually.

#### J.I. Case to Sell European Plants

NEW YORK (Knight-Ridder) — II. Case, the farm equipment division of Tenneco Inc., said Tuesday that it would either sell or close its foundries in St. Dizier, France, and Doncaster, Britain, as part of its restructuring.

Case said it would outsource loader backhoe transmissions that are produced at St. Dizier, enabling the plant to focus on agricultural transmissions. The company will also transfer loader backhoe assembly from Vierzon, France, to Crepy en Valois, France.

#### The Limited Shuffles Executives

COLUMBUS, Ohio (Bloomberg) — Limited Inc. on Tuesday named Michael Weiss acting president of its Limited Stores division, replacing

Howard Gross, a 21-year company veteran.

Mr. Weiss, who has been president of the company's Express division, is credited with making it the most successful division of the Columbus.

Ohio-based women's apparel retailer.

Mr. Gross, 50, will become president of Today's Man Inc., an apparel retailer based in Moorestown, New Jersey.

#### For the Record

Sprint International Inc., will form a venture with RPG Telecom Ltd. of India to provide electronic mail and software development. (Bloomberg) General Magic Inc., a 3-year-old company making software for hand-held computers, plans to raise up to \$45 million through an initial public offering by mid-May, the San Francisco Chronicle reported. (Bloomberg)

# Bertelsmann Gives Up on Vox

GUTERSLOH, Germany -Bertelsmann AG, the media conglomerate, said Tuesday that Vox, a troubled German private televi-

sion channel, would go into liquidation on April 1. "Our intense efforts to save the channel have not led to an acceptable result," said Manfred Lahnstein, a member of Bertelsmann's

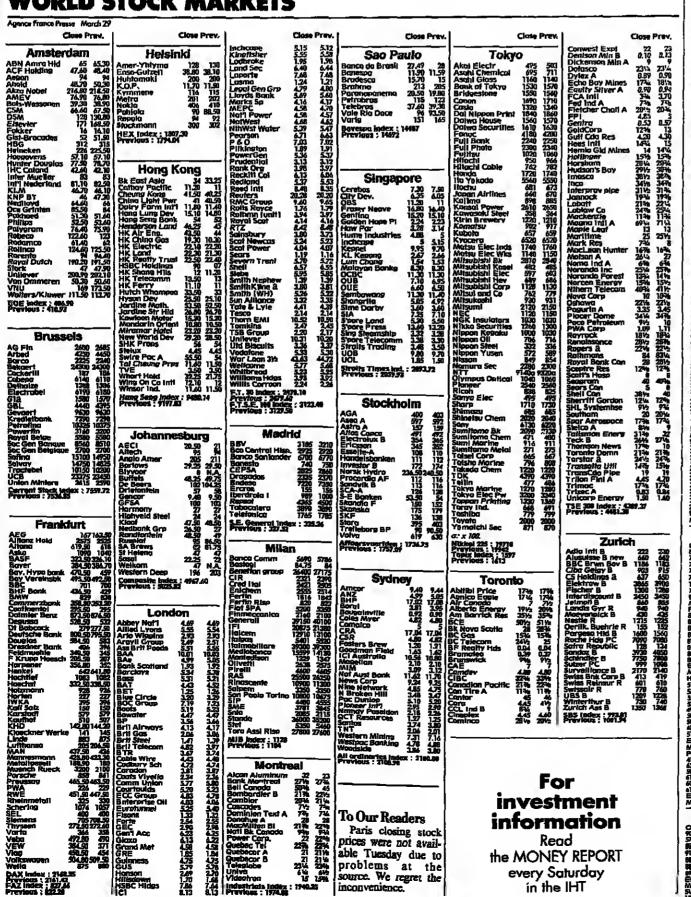
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Vox's owners to announce it would pull out of the company unless new myestors were found.

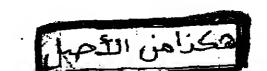
The station's three other owners pulled out over the last five weeks; and Bertelsmann was forced to follow in order to avoid being the sole owner of Vox. German law forbids a company to own a majority stake in a television station.

The Cologne-based channel was. Bertelsmann, which holds 24.9 originally set up to provide high-percent of Vox, was the last of quality news and documentaries.

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# Ciba-Geigy Net Rises but Payout Is Called Slim

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BASEL, Switzerland - Ciba-Geigy AG on Tuesday reported 1993 profit in line with expectations, but the stock price fell on what some analysts said was disappointment with the dividend.

The chemical and pharmaceurical concern said it had profit of 1.78 billion Swiss francs (\$1.3 billion) in 1993, 11 percent above its restated 1992 profit of 1.6 billion francs, because of higher sales, better productivity and cost controls.

But the dividend of 15 francs a share announced by the company, while it was one franc above the 1992 payout and was consistent with

#### Large Provisions Seen as Drag for Deutsche Bank

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches FRANKFURT — Deutsche Bank AG said Tuesday that net profit for the parent bank rose only I percent in 1993, to 1.403 billion Deutsche marks (\$838 million).

Analysts, noting that several of the bank's foreign units have reported strong earnings, warned that it would be wrong to draw conclusions yet about consolidated profit, due for release on Thursday. That figure had risen 20.7 percent, to 3.76 billion DM, in the first 10 months.

They said that consolidated profit was likely to show a rise of 10 percent to 15 percent due to sharp gains from commissions, trading on its own account and lending. But large risk provisions were expected to clip returns.

The bank also announced that it would raise its dividend to 16.50 ing performance this year, but he DM for 1993 from 15 DM for 1992. "Commerzbank's and Dresdner's results are likely to show higher growth of 18 percent and 15 to 16 percent," said Ernst von Randow.

an analyst at Bankhaus Metzler. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

forecasts, met with mixed reactions. The dividend was in line with the market but was a little bit light for my liking," Robin Campbell, an analyst with CS First Boston in London, said. "It looks like Ciba thinks capital appreciation is what investors should be looking for."

It looked like investors thought otherwise as the company's class B shares fell 10 francs, to 905, on

Zurich's stock exchange.
"It was a good result from Ciba, but suddenly the sellers were there putting pressure on the stock," said Beat Graf, a trader at Union Bank of Switzerland in Zurich. Other analysts, however, said they were inclined to revise their

1994 forecasts upward. They said the profit improve improvement had been achieved despite an unexpectedly large restructuring charge of 300 million francs, compared with 200 million francs in 1992.

"The results show that cost reductions are coming through," another analyst, who asked not to be identified, said.

Alex Kraner, the chairman, said Ciba would proceed with plans to make and sell a generic version of the anti-ulcer drug Zantac, one of the world's best-selling drugs and a major product of Ciba's British rival, Glazo Holdings PLC. The patent on a version of the chemical in Zantac expires in January 1996.

Ciba left open the possibility that it might soon seek listings in other markets. The company restated its 1992 results last year to conform with international accounting standards, a change it made to prepare for listings elsewhere, particularly in the United States.

Mr. Krauer said he expected further improvement in Ciba's operatcautioned that whether that improvement showed up in the bottom line would depend on "the timing of the economic upswing in Europe and the impact of exchange-rate movements."

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

# German Carmakers Turn a Corner Analysts Bullish on Volkswagen and BMW Shares

abandon the market.

In the first two months of this

year. North American sales of Volkswagen and Audi, its wholly owned subsidiary, rose to 16,286

units from 7,281 a year earlier. In 1993, sales fell to 62,072 units

from 90,626 the previous year,

partially because Volkswagen

Share prices in Deutsche marks.

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New Orders for BMW Cars Rise as Smaller Line a Hit

BMW predicted the slight growth in sales would continue for the full year, accompa-

Its car deliveries held steady at 137,300 in

the first three months while car production

million (\$1 billion) for 80 percent Rover and

will take on £900 million of debts and liabil-

ities. BMW is buying out Honda Motor Co.'s

Volker Doppelfeld, the chief financial offi-

20 percent minority holding as well.

nied by an increase in earnings.

On the Move

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By Ferdinand Protzman

New York Times Service
BONN — After two years of plunging sales and profits for German auto makers, analysts are recommending the stocks on signs that healthier times are ahead. While analysts differ on which

German auto stock is most attractive, they are nearly unanimous in their enthusiasm for the sector. Two current favorites are Volkswagen AG, Europe's biggest car maker, and Bayerische Motoren Werke AG, the maker of BMW automobiles and motor-

Although the companies re-cently posted weak results for 1993, analysts say the companies will fare much better this year and are likely to show outstanding gains in 1995.

The optimism is fueled in part by sentiment that the economy in Germany and across Europe will soon begin to recover from recession, particularly in the latter half of this year. Another reason lies in the United States, where both companies posted sales gains in the first two months of this year.

"Prospects for the German automobile industry are starting to brighten up for 1994," said Lothar Lubinetzki, automotive analyst at Trinkaus Capital Management, in Düsseldorf. "Although new-vehide registrations in Germany will

dealers had no cars to sell. North America was supposed to be sup-plied by Volkswagen's production plant in Puebla, Mexico. But the new Golf and Jetta models built there had such severe quality again decline slightly, there are ini-tial signs of improvement in the field of exports.

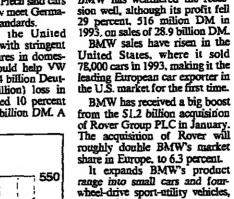
Much of that improvement has been in North America, which Ferdinand Piech, the chairman of Volkswagen, called "the most improblems that they could not be portant auto market in the world." It is also where his comdelivered to dealers. A team of Volkswagen engineers was dis-patched to straighten out the pany has experienced such severe problems in the last few years problems, and Mr. Piech said cars that there were rumors it would

ny's high quality standards.

A rebound in the United States, combined with stringent cost-cutting measures in domestic operations, should help VW recover from a 1.94 billion Deutsche mark (\$1 billion) loss in 1993. Sales declined 10 percent

followed by a profit in 1995.
But Joachim Bernsdorff, auto
analyst at Bank Julius Bär (Deutschland), said VW had not solved the central problem of reducing its workforce and that a return to profitability would take longer. He recommended switching to BMW shares from Volkswagen. BMW has weathered the recesbuilt in Mexico now meet Germa-

last year, to 76.59 billion DM. A

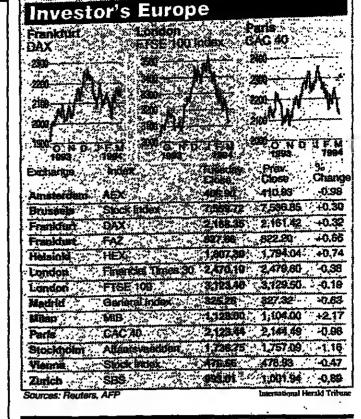


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while giving the company access to low-cost production in Britain. But Karsten Rahlf, automotive analyst at M.M. Warburg & Co., a private bank based in Hamburg, said Rover changes BMW from a luxury car maker to more of a mass-market producer. Because of heavy financing costs, he said he did not expect Rover to contribute to BMW's profit for six years.



#### Very briefly:

• Internationale Nederland Groep NV said profit rose 11 percent in 1993. to 2.03 billion guilders (\$1.1 billion), and cited expansion in Eastern Europe and the Far East.

• Arbed SA said it lost 5.7 billion Luxembourg francs (\$165 million) in 1993 because of the slump in the steel industry last year.

· George Soros has taken a stake in ONA, Morocco's leading private

· Svenska Cellulose AB said its plan to buy nearly 90 percent of the French packaging group Otor Holding SA had hit a delay after discussions with shareholders.

• The European Commission said it would not examine a proposed joint venture between British Telecommunications PLC and Banco de Santauder because the Spanish banking concern was below its minimum size for examining such transactions.

• Treuhand, the German privatization agency, will allow Elf Aquitaine to cut the annual capacity of the planned 4.3 billion Deutsche mark (\$2.6 billion) refinery in Leuna from 10 million metric tons to 9 million.

of crude oil for 1 million metric tons of Cuhan sugar cane, the Interfax AFP, Knight-Ridder, Reuters, AP

4 Spanish Banks Enter

Auction for Banesto

#### "We can now say that in the medium and long term, Rover is more interesting and better positioned than we had thought," he said. and the 3 Series, the company said Tuesday. dropped 7 percent, partially because of a Russia and Cuba reached an accord to exchange 2.5 million metric tons The number of orders placed in the first work-force reduction and partially because of quarter was "sharply" higher and sales rose 2.7 percent, possibly signaling a recovery in the market, the company said. Sales in the first quarter rose to 7.5 billion Deutsche Bernd Pischetsrieder, the president of fewer working days than the previous year. BMW, said he expected cooperation with news agency said Tuesday. The company said it did not expect the Honda over new Rover models to continue. acquisition of Rover Group PLC to be a drag "As far as we are concerned, cooperation on profits. BMW is paying Rover's former majority owner, British Aerospace PLC, £800 marks (\$5 billion) from 7.3 hillion DM in the

with Honda over Rovers 200, 400 and 600 models will continue in the longer term," he said, but he added that BMW had no concrete cooperation agreement with Honda.
"But we have no indication that they don't

cer of BMW, said financial data on Rover

that BMW obtained since the purchase of the

company presented a better picture than

those at its disposal before the takeover.

(AFP, Reuters, AFX)

# Metallgesellschaft Braces for Round 2: The Annual Meeting

"A lasting change in the economic situa-

tion is not yet in sight, hut the expected recovery of economic growth might end stag-nation of the car market in 1994," a company

MUNICH - New orders for cars from

Bayerische Motoren Werke AG rose in the

first quarter, compared with a year ago, mostly

in response to the launch of smaller models

By Brandon Mitchener International Herald Tribune

FRANKFURT — Ronaldo Schmitz, the embattled chairman of the supervisory board of Metallgesellschaft AG, defended his mistakes Tuesday as born of ignorance

Attempting to dispel doubts to dominate a shareholders meeting Wednesday, Mr. Schmitz levcled new allegations against the company's former managing director, Heinz Schimmelbusch. "It's one of the biggest disap-

pointments for the supervisory board, to put it mildly, that we sniffed around a lot of affairs that turned out to be absolutely, even laughably irrelevant, while the catastrophic situation lay elsewhere," Mr. Schmitz said, referring to trading losses and liquidity problems

brink of bankruptcy, Metallgeselischaft's sharehold-

ers and creditors approved a 2.7 billion Deutsche mark (\$2 billion) bailout in an extraordinary meeting on Feb. 24.

day, shareholders are expected to tures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange that led to the crisis in November.

Mr. Schmitz, also a board member of Deutsche Bank AG, one of Metaligeselischaft's largest sharebolders, has accused Mr. Schimment. Mr. Schimmelbusch, a respected business leader until the trading crisis emerged, in turn has accused Mr. Schmitz of having tas but the move failed to satisfy Germany, which indicated it would melbusch of grave mismanage-

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that brought the company to the turned a liquidity problem into 2.3 billion DM in losses.

same period of 1993.

In response to the persistent suggestion that the supervisory board chairman fell asleep at the wheel, Mr. Schmitz insisted be had gone above and beyond the call of duty At their annual meeting Wednes- with this company."

Mr. Schmitz also dismissed sugdiscuss a rights issue and restruc- gestions that he should have underturing but also plan to continue stood the risks involved in oil futheir probe into the supervisory tures trading because be once were a problem, there would have board's knowledge of the oil fu-served as supervisory board chair-been action," he said. "The affair Mr. Schimmelbusch could not be tions as early as July.

the quotas.

By Tom Buerkle

International Herald Tribune
BRUSSELS — The European

continue legal action to overturn

Agriculture Commissioner René Steichen said the European Union

would increase its import quota of

oil and gas company. "I was never have seen the danger much earlier in the oil hedging husiness, he said, and possibly avoided the full extent "and no one at Deutsche Bank unof the losses."

derstands this business, either." Mr. Schmitz repeated allegations that Mr. Schimmelbusch withheld information necessary to judge the soundness of the oil futures trading that provoked the crisis.

"If anyone had ever told us there chaft's zinc and lead refining activithat he had begun to worry about

2 million tons for bananas from

in 1995, and reduce the tariff on

those bananas to 75 European Cur-rency Units (\$86) a ton from 100

Fcus. Bananas have a market val-

ned at \$2 billion a year in Europe.

In exchange, Colombia, Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Venezuela

agreed to drop their action

launched within the General

Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

regainst the quota system.

The agreement did not involve

Guatemala, which along with the other four countries had pressed

the GATT case, nor did it include

Panama and Ecuador, top banana exporters that have fought the quo-

tas outside GATT.

man of Wintershall AG, a German would have come to light, we would

He also accused Mr. Schimmelbusch of deceiving the supervisory board on other issues. "He certainly didn't tell us the whole truth about the smelting operations," be said, referring to Metaligesells-

U.S. trading subsidiary, MG Corp., Mr. Schmitz said "a few days before Dec. 3."

Some German journalists caught wind of the problems earlier, be

He denied German press reports

EU Commission Moves Toward Lifting Banana Quotas "There's no reason to artificially mostly Latin countries to 2.1 mil-lion tons this year and 2.2 million ture ministers at a meeting here spokesman for Germany's EU mis-

> Guatemala, Panama and Ecuacreasing their sales under the agreement, but only the four countries that signed the pact will be guaran-teed higher shipments, the spokes-

Coast, Cameroon and St. Lucia.

reached for comment. Asked when be first became aware of liquidity problems at Metallgesellschaft's

and the state-owned Argentaria Corporación Bancaria de España SA registered for the auction of 450 million shares, or 73.45 percent, of

the bank's capital. Registration for the auction gives the four banks the right to detailed documentation on Banesto. They have until April 25 to

make an offer, and the winner will be announced on May 9. Following a restructuring valued at \$4.3 billion, Banesto will cut its capital by 48.8 billion pesetas (\$355 million), to 65.1 billion pesetas and the Deposit Guarantee Fund

troubled banking group Banco Español de Crédito SA, widely known

immediately declared an interest in

Banco Santander SA, Banco Bil-

bao Vizcaya SA, Banco Popular SA

taking over their former rival.

for Spanish banks will inject 180 billion pesetas in new capital. Market speculation has put the likely price at between 400 and 450 pesetas a share. Banks are unwilling to pay much more than the nominal

price of 400 pesetas at which 81.33 million shares, or 13.27 percent, will be offered to existing shareholders. Banesto shares, which closed at 740 pesetas on Tuesday, surged to a peak of 850 pesetas last week on speculation ahead of the recent

shareholders' meeting that approved the rescue plan. Spain's central bank dismissed

the old Banesto board on Dec. 28, MADRID — The Spanish authorities unveiled terms Tuesday for dence of Banesto by stipulating the auction of a majority stake in the that the auction winner must not break it up or engineer a merger for panol de Crédito SA, widely known four years. The central bank also as Banesto, and four other banks said the anction winner was obliged to hold a controlling 30 percent stake in Banesto during this period.

#### EU Sees Role For Film Taxes

BRUSSELS - The European Union should develop an ambitious industrial policy to help its unprofitable film and television program industries fight off competition from Hollywood, according to a draft EU Commission paper.

The draft offered a glimpse into the action the EU is considering to help fight Holly-wood domination of European cinemas and television. It said U.S. films had a market share of 80 percent in the EU.

It said that both the EU and national governments needed to find a "critical mass" of funding to boost the industry and mentioned the possibility of a levy on cinema tickets, eo rentals as financing sources.

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# Pirelli Is Raising **Capital**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
MILAN — Pirelli SpA, a maker of tires and cables, said Tuesday that it would sell I trillion lire (\$611 million) worth of convertible bonds, and that its Dutch tire subsidiary would raise about \$266 million through a share issue.
Pirelli said it would post a net
consolidated loss for 1993 that would be less substantial than the 154 billion line loss in 1992. The company has lost money the past three years due to over-capacity and the recession.

Pirelli shares fell 98 lire on

Tuesday, to close at 2,509 lire. The convertible bonds, available to shareholders on the basis of one bond for every four shares held, will be priced at between 2,000 and 3,000 lire and will be converted one bond for one new share.

Pirelli will use part of the proceeds to subscribe to the issue for its 71 percent-owned

Pirelli Tire Holdings NV. The Dutch unit will raise about 500 millinn guilders through an offer of 31.022 million shares on the basis of one new for every three old, at a nominal 10 guilders a share. Pirelli Tire shares fell 0.10 guilder to close Tuesday at 17.80. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

that the quota increase was a step in the right direction for Germany, the world's most voracious con-sumer of bananas. But he said Bonn would need to see all Latin countries agree to the new regime before considering dropping its lawsuit against the quotas in the European Court of Justice. Other German officials were more critical at a meeting of the

Union's so-called 113 trade committee, saying Bonn wanted to lift the quota to 2.5 million tons with subsequent increases of 5 percent a year.

sion. "The first concern of the Union must be the needs of their own people." dor will have the possibility of in-

> The accord does not affect a quota of roughly 800,000 tons a year that is reserved for former colonies of EU countries such as the Ivory

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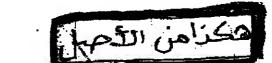


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# Japan to End Restraints On Auto Exports to U.S.

By Andrew Pollack New York Times Service

TOKYO - Japan said Tuesday it would end its voluntary restraints on exports of automobiles to the United States when its fiscal year ends Thursday.

The export restrictions, an example of what is oow called managed trade, were begun in 1981, when American carmakers were reeling from Japanese competition. But the end of the program comes as Detroit's Big Three, apparently having narrowed the quality gap with Japan, are increasing their share of the American market.

The export restraints have had little actual impact for seven years because exports have dropped below the limits set as Japanese companies have shifted production to factories in the United States. For the year ending Thursday, exports of Japanese cars to the United States will total about 1,400,000, down from 1,570,000 a year earlier and well below the current export ceiling of 1,650,000.

For that reason, the U.S. government is oot expected to voice much opposition to Tuesday's announcement. In recent trade talks with Japan, Washington has been much more interested in expanding exports of American products to Japan than in blocking im-

ports of Japanese products.

But some U.S. auto executives have argued that if the ceiling is too high, it should be lowered, oot

Perhaps ont of caution, therefore, Japan waited until just before the end of its fiscal year. And it made its announcement on a day the oews would be overshadowed by a bigger announcement of measures to open its markets.

In announcing the decision at a news conference, Hiroshi Kumagai, the minister of international trade and industry, said one reason Japan was eliminating the auto export ceilings was that the world trade treaty reached in December under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade called for phasing out programs such as voluntary export restraints.

In recent trade talks, Japan has resisted Washing-ton's pursuit of oumerical targets for opening its

ratings on debt of two Philippine and the poor.

vestors Service Inc. on Tuesday set

banks for the first time since the

country's debt crisis in the 1980s.

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.. But it is typical of rating agencies

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HONG KONG — Moody's In
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An independent analyst, Marc, became insolvent because of loans

Mr. Faber said he was concerned short-term and is dominated by the prises.

Faber, said: "I would say the debt made during the rule of President

Moody's Rates Manila Banks

growing divide between the rich

Moody's also assigned ratings of Ba-3 and Not Prime to Develop-

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Both banks were bailed out by

the government in 1986 after they

rating is about where it should be. Ferdinand E. Marcos, who was trates on funding industrial and

Philippine National Bank, now

overthrown that year.

But American officials point to the auto program as evidence that Japan is willing to agree to specific numbers if the situation demands them. Japan has argued that voluntarily restricting exports is possible while assuring that imports reach a certain level is

beyond the government's control. Japan also has restraints on exports of cars to Europe, although in that case, the ceilings are negotiated. In the case of the United States, Japan's trade

ministry unilaterally sets the ceiling each year.

The ministry decided to institute the ceilings in 1981, in part to preclude the U.S. Congress from taking similar action. The ceiling was set at 1,680,000 units and was raised to 1,850,000 in 1984 and 2,300,000 million in fiscal years 1985 through 1991, before dropping to 1,650,000.

But the voluntary restraints helped cause big changes in the industry. Partly because the oumber of vehicles they could export were limited, Japanese companies began shifting from the economy cars they had started with to larger cars, increasing their profits.

The export ceilings also spurred the Japanese com-panies to build factories in the United States. Now the companies are shifting production to those transplant factories because of political pressures and because the rise of the yen has made exporting from Japan

Honda and Mazda Hedge Their Pledges Honda Motor Co. and Mazda Motor Corp. said

they would try to increase their imports to ease trade tensions with the United States, but only on certain conditions, Agence France-Presse reported.

Honda said it had set goals for increased purchases of American-made anto parts for its operations in the United States and for its imports of parts, vehicles and other products worldwide, but it said this was not an enforceable commitment."

Mazda also said it expected to buy more Americanmade and other imported auto parts in future years, but only if overseas suppliers "become more competi-tive and work jointly with us in our development and productioo processes."

an elaborate display of commit-ment to the city in hopes it will pay off when Beijing hands out underwriting contracts.

biggest Philippine blue-chip com-panies and the government, Joey Salceda, head of research at Bar-

ings Securities in Manila, said,
"It deserves something much
better" than Ba-3, he said. "The

loan portfolio of this bank is beau-

though good, were subject to con-

centrated on several large expo-

sures but has become more diversi-

The development bank concen-

agricultural enterprises, in many

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siderable volatility.

57 percent government-owned, has credited financial institutions that

a loan portfolio that is 80 percent in turn provide loans to the enter-

Moody's said PNB's assets, al-

Its lending remains heavily con-

Opening an office in Shang-hai has become an important ritual. The trick is to do it with as much hoopla as possible -and that's where the Americans are scoring. "They're much bet-ter at the PR," one British financier conceded Merrill Lynch & Co. has been

were put out of joint.

"Splashy. Typically American," one British finance execu-

After sparring for business in Hong Kong, where hig U.S. se-eurities houses have lately

charged in with huge opera-

tions, British-U.S. rivalry has

At stake are fat underwriting fees for a new batch of 22 Chinese companies that have been

picked to issue stock on over-

Longer-term, Shanghai, with

its booming stock market, is emerging as China's financial

center; billions of dollars will

be raised here to fund national

Securities houses are making

seas exchanges this year.

development.

trumpeting its arrival as the first U.S. house in Shanghai hy running advertisements month after mooth on the Asian satellite network STAR TV. Now, three of the world's

biggest financial houses have opened Shanghai offices in almost as many weeks - Morgan Stanley, Barings PLC and N.M. Rothschild & Sons. Hotel ballrooms are doing a

hrisk trade in banquets and cocktail parties. Public relations firms are hustling journalists. Stock exchange officials complain of exhaustion from receiving all the bigwigs.

# In Shanghai, A Very Special Relationship

Mr. Mack caused the greatest SHANGHAI — When the president of Morgan Stanley Group Inc. blazed into Shangstir. The limousines for his entourage practically filled the parking lot of the Portman Ho-tel. Huang Ju, Shanghai's may-or, turned up at the Morgan hai amid a wail of police sirens and flashing lights several weeks ago, a few British noses Stanley hash.

(For Barings' opening, the guest of honor was the chair-The Brits got even sniffier when they found out that John man of the Shanghai Branch of Mack and his entourage had just zipped down from Beijing the People's Bank of China, Mao Yingliang.)
"Shanghai has a long and in a chartered jet after talks with Prime Minister Li Peng.

rich history, together with an exciting and prosperous future. We are proud to be present in

U.K. and U.S. securities firms vie in China's financial capital.

this great city," Mr. Mack told History, though, is a strong

British suit. Sir Evelyn de Rothschild told the guests at the N.M. Rothschild opening banquet that his family's links with Shanghai dated hack more than 150 years to the days when Rothschild traded Mexican silver bere.

Peter Baring went one better. He claimed a 200-year attachment to Shanghai for Barings. At his oews cooference, Mr. Baring couldn't resist a jah at the Yanks.

He said that in Shanghai, "The only difference between European and U.S. investment banks is that American banks have been notable by their absence from the trading of shares whereas we and other European banks have been very active."

Not one U.S. securities house has taken up a special trading seat on the Shanghai market.

What irks some of the British is that they have been plugging away at Chinese issues for several years and Morgan Stanley, which has yet to do a single Chinese class B or class H share offering, breezes in and seems poised to plack several of this year's juiciest underwriting

# **Hong Kong** Seeks to Cool Real Estate

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
HONG KONG — Governor
Chris Patten on Tuesday promised
"exceptional measures" to tackle
Hong Kong's soaring real estate
prices, which be said threaten the territory's competitiveness and the security of ordinary people.

Mr. Patten said that one thing he intended doing was to ask China, under the Sino-British agreements on the colony, to release further land for development. The governor said the cost of

home and office accommodation, which has climbed almost uninterrupted since 1991, would be his top priority and the measures would be announced by the early summer. "It's an exceptional problem and I think it will demand exceptional

measures," he told reporters after a meeting of the Executive Council. "I think it's an open secret that we'll be talking to the Chinese side through the usual channels about land and the amount of land coming

on to the market," Mr. Patten said. The Hong Kong government needs China's approval if it wants to release more than 50 hectares (123 acres) of land each year for development. Hong Kong will be

ruled by China after 1997, Hong Kong's Real Estate Developers Association weighed in on Mr. Patten's side in Beijing on Monday, calling on Chinese leaders to ap-prove the release of more land, ac-

cording to local newspaper reports. For its part, China has warned state-owned companies to stop engaging in property speculation in Hong Kong but refrained from endorsing plans to release more land.

Hong Kong's government and banks have tried several times since 1991 to cool property prices, which have hit Hong Kong's middle classes and threatened to force companies to move to other Asian cities, hot always with limited success.

The government has extended some taxes to discourage specula-tion, but it has always said its pow-er is limited by its free-market policies, which prevent large-scale government intervention.

A 550-square-foot (52-squaremeter) apartment can cost 2.5 million Hong Kong dollars (\$320,500). Half the population lives in subsidized government housing. But with foreign companies pouring into the colony because of the boom in China, prices of many private apartments to rent or buy have jumped to levels only the very rich or people

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#### Very briefly:

 Petron Corp., the biggest oil refiner in the Philippines, has postponed the sale of 20 percent of its shares to the public until June or July because of the Manila stock market's slump, an industry source said.

 Yizheng Chemical Fiber Co.'s stock, starting trading on a Hong Kong market hurt by recent losses, fell below its offer price of 2.38 Hong Kong dollars (30.8 U.S. cents) a share before closing at 2.425 dollars; Yizheng is the first Chinese state enterprise to list overseas this year.

 Oriental Press Group Ltd., which launched the Eastern Express newspaper in Hong Kong eight weeks ago, is considering entering English-speaking markets elsewhere in the world.

■ Suzhou Machine Tool Electric Appliance Factory is setting up a venture with Siemens AG to make low-voltage electricity distribution equipment in China; Siemens will hold a majority stake in the 100 million Deutsche mark (\$60 million) venture, Siemens Electrical Apparatus Ltd.

• Philip Morris Cos. will set up a 182 million ringgit (\$68 million) tobacco processing plant in Malaysia's sonthwestern state of Negeri Sembilan. AFP. Reuters, AFX

#### **Bullish Signals for Japan**

TOKYO - Japan's leading in- in four months. dex of economic indicators rose to 60 points in January, up from 38.5 December and above the barrier of 50 points for the first time in nine months, the Economic Planning Agency said Tuesday.

A reading above 50 points signals an expanding economy.

Meanwhile, an index showing current economic conditions rose to 85 points in January, up sharply from 22,7 in December and above with company housing allowances can afford. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

the 50-point level for the first time

But two other indicators were hearish. The government an-nounced that Japan's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate stood at 2.9 percent in February, up 0.2 percentage point from January and the highest jobless rate recorded since June 1987.

The government also said that les by major Japanese retailers in February had fallen 2.8 percent from a year ago, to 1.45 trillion year (\$14 billion). (Bloomberg, AFP)

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TV: Dropped by STAR, the BBC Gets an Invitation From Wharf Cable programming library it purchased ambitious project investing \$800 million to huild a cable octwork last year. They will be broadcast on the subscription channel which will from scratch across Hong Kong.
"We have had discussions with replace the BBC following their theatrical and home-video release. Wharf and other companies in the "Last week we announced that oorthern beam area, but it's too STAR TV must change. That it early to say how they will be remust provide locally produced, losolved," a BBC spokesman, Phil Johnstooe, said in London. cal-language programming," said STAR TV's chief executive Gary Davey. "We will continue to undertake similar production output

"We have said we want to come back as sooo as possible. We have a oumber of possibilities," Mr. John-

STAR TV, continuing a trend by international broadcasters to tailor their product to individual markets, announced Tuesday its plans to invest in 50 new Chinese language movies over the next three years. Media Asia Films, headed by two leading film producers, Ma Fung-Kwok and Wellington Fung, will supply STAR TV with films to

production companies in Hong ong and the region." STAR TV, controlled by Mr. Murdoch's News Corp., said last week that it would replace the BBC with a Chinese-language movie channel in its East Asian coverage

deals with other local independent

Although STAR TV said it was a commercial, oot a political deci-sion, Mr. Murdoch has since been

quoted as saying that the BBC had caused him "lots of headaches" with Beijing and other Asian govbut industry estimates are around Wharf Cable belongs to Wharf

(Holdings) Ltd., a Hong Kong con-glomerate whose controlling family the heirs of the shipping tycoon Sir Y. K. Pao - has good relations with Beijing. Wharf Cable was launched last

October. It has 44,000 subscribers and is aiming for 250,000 by year-KEVIN MURPHY BBC Plans Arabic Service

The BBC's World Service Television will launch an Arabic-language news service this year, broadcasting to the Middle East and North Africa, Reuters reported from London

World Service Television said that after six months of talks it had signed a 10-year supply contract, vice.

with a Middle Eastern-backed group, Orbit Communications. World Service Television did oot say how much the deal was worth,

£180 million (\$270 million). Christopher Irwin, chief execu-tive of World Service Television, said hroadcast facilities in London and 220 jobs would be created as a

result of the contract. Orbit, a private company owned by a consortium of Middle Eastern and other international businesses. will include the World Service Television programs as part of a pay-TV multi-channel package broad-

cast over the Arabsat 1 satellite. World Service Television added that the new arrangement with STAR TV, under which the BBC will continue to be broadcast to the Indian subcontinent, had ended a legal skirmish over the Arabic ser-

#### LYONNAIS: Banker Punished

Continued from Page 9

francs playing poker with the complicity of the government, and be lost," the daily Le Monde wrote in As recently as last Friday, Mr. Haberer, who is still a board mem-ber at Credit Lyonnais, had refused to comment on the bank. The former chairman acknowl

imperfect. But he said that he refused to be a "sacrificial victim." Mr. Haberer, who built Crédit Lyonnais into Europe's biggest bank in terms of assets with the slogan "The power to say 'Yes' " complained that he had been

blamed for risky loans made even

dged that "errors were commit-

ted" and that internal controls were

before he became head of the bank During his tenure, the bank Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc. and then had to take possession of the Hollywood film studio when Mr. Parretti defaulted It also suffered losses from commitments to Sasea SA, a Swiss holding company controlled by Mr. Parretti's associate, Florio Fiorini, and Scotti Finanziaria, a Milan-based real estate

Sasea collapsed in 1992, and in February a Swiss judge investigating the case charged Mr. Haberer and François Gille, the Credit Lyonnais managing director, with complicity in the bankruptcy. The bank also suffered losses in

company controlled by Sasea.

the collapse of the real estate empire Olympia & York Developments Ltd. and the media conglomerate run by the late Robert Maxwell. An economist at France's prestigious School of Political Science said Mr. Haberer's defease was only partially valid, suggesting that the executive had struck a Faustian

pact with the government in order



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# SPORTS

# In Crunch Time, Call 'Big Nasty'

#### Williamson Powers Arkansas

By Steve Berkowitz

DALLAS - Arkansas's Corliss Williamson has the size of a tackle, the agility of a guard and the offensive game of a center. What does that make him?

"Probably the best true power forward in college basketball," the Arkansas guard Scotty Thurman said. "I think Glenn Robinsoo is not really a power, power forward. That's what Corliss is." Robinson is Purdue's consensus national player of the year.

Robinson's nickname is Big Dog. Williamson's is Big Nasty.

Before warm-ups for home games, the 6-foot-7, 250-pound (2-meter, 113-kilogram) sophomore spends 15 to 20 minutes lifting weights. On the road, where there are no weight rooms adjacent to the Razorbacks' locker room, he settles for sit-ups and push-ups.

"You go in and pump iron, and your adrenaline gets to flowing," he said. "You start sweating. It gets me into an aggressive mood. Usually that carries on out there to the court."

Or, in his case, hack to the locker room, where he carries out another ritual before every game. He punches each of his teammates in the chest as they head out to the court. "I don't hit them as hard as I can," he said. "I hit them pretty hard

though. It's kind of like a gut check - you know, to see if their hearts are

So far, they have been. With Williamson leading the way, the Razor-backs are headed to the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament Final Four this weekend in Charlotte, North Carolina. After being oamed Southeastern Conference player of the year, he has shot a mere 72.3 percent in the NCAA tournament (34-for-47). That

figure fell with his practically scattershot 6-for-10 performance in Sunday's Midwest Regional final victory over Michigan. But because he now has more than the requisite 70 career attempts in NCAA tournament play, he has surpassed UCLA's Bill Walton as the leader in career NCAA tournament field goal percentage. Walton was 109-for-159 (.686) in 12 games. Williamson is 53-for-72 (.736) in seven.

When the Razorbacks needed an important basket late in Sunday's game, they went to Williamson even though he had scored just six points on 3-of-7 shooting during the first 34 minutes. He came through by muscling in three baskets in as many attempts. The last one gave

Arkansas a 69-63 lead with 2:45 to play. "The last few minutes the coaches looked at me and my teammates looked at me and told me to step it up," Williamson said. "I looked at myself and I said: 'They're right. I have to step it up. It's crunch time."

In a way, of course, it's crunch time all the time for Williamson. Yes, he can handle the ball on the perimeter, shoot jump shots out to 17 feet or drive the ball to the goal. Sure, he can definitely thunder down the court on a fast break, make a ballet-like leap, and then slam down an alley-oop pass. He also averages a little more than two assists per game, third-best on the Arkansas team.

Those were all skills he learned while playing for the Arkansas Wings, an Amateur Athletic Union team oo which — for one of the few times in his early career — he wasn't the biggest player on his team. That honor belonged to Richard Scott, now a 6-7, 215-pound power forward at

But finesse is not what Coach Nolan Richardson wants and oceds from Williamsoo - not when the Razorbacks have sweet shooters such as Thurman and pesky defenders such as point guard Corey Beck. "Pound for pound, Corliss Williamson may be the strongest hasketball

player in the world," Richardson said. "I'm not talking about in this state or in this city or in this country. I'm talking about in the world. He is our offense inside. He makes everybody else strong." Said 6-11, 260-pouod freshman center Damell Robinson: "He's a

distraction for me in the weight room. He works out with stuff that I probably can't even lift." The Arkansas strength coach Don Decker said that, by design, Wil-

liamson doesn't weight train the way football players do. "But he could weigh 280 in a heartbeat," Decker said. "He could play defensive line if he trained that way."

But for all that Big Nasty stuff on the court, he's Big Nicety off the court. He usually speaks softly, and acting is among his top interests outside of basketball. A communications major, he is minoring in drama. "It's like a chance to get away from basketball and just ordinary life," he said. "You can go to class and be yourself or you can change personalities. You can be a villain, you can be a good guy, you can be a baby, you can switch over and be a woman."

His greatest role, though, has been that of state hero. He grew up in Russellville, Arkansas, and has so far fulfilled the expectations that have been placed on him since he was a youngster.

"I saw him when he was playing for the Arkansas Wings," the Michigan coach, Steve Fisher, recalled. "He was the talk of the state when he was 14 years old, and he's continued to get better and better."

Said Williamson: "I'm happy at home. I made the best choice for me, for my family. Now, it feels extra great knowing that I'm from the state of Arkansas and I'm playing for the University of Arkansas and I'm going to



Denver's Dikembe Mutombo pulled down the rebound, but Micheal Cage and Seattle got the victory.

# Pacers End Drought With a Deluge

Indiana's scoring drought ended in a deluge of baskets. Reggie Miller bombed from the

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scored in double figures Mooday points and nine assists. Kenny night as the Pacers matched their Williams scored 13 and Dale Davis best offensive output of the season had 10 points and 10 rebounds. with a 126-93 victory over the visitwith a 126-93 victory over the visit-

points over the past 12 games.

Smits scored 27 points to lead all under 40 percent for the third time outside, Rik Smits hit shots from in scorers. Miller finished with 22 and this season, but their defense carried the paint and five other players Haywoode Workman added 16 them to their fifth straight victory.

ing Los Angeles Clippers. Gary Payton scored 23 points and
The Pacers were averaging 87.9 Seattle forced 23 numovers in beating visiting Denver. The Sonies shot

# Arizona Is Primed for Victory

By Jay Privman

New York Times Service

LOS ANGELES — Whether they are dealing from reality or fantasy, Arizona's hasketball team has decided that much of the Westthe Wildcats are using that perception as a motivational ploy in the National Collegiate Athletic Assoem world is united against it, and ciation tournament

The Wildcats qualified for this weekend's Final Four in Charlotte, North Carolina, by thoroughly dominating Missouri, 92-72, in the Western Regional final. That triumph put Arizona (29-5) only two victories from the end of a journey that began almost one year ago.

Arizona has had one of the most

highly rated teams in the country, but in both the 1992 and 1993 tournaments the Wildcats were opset in the first round and were ridiculed for their early exits. Last year, two months after their latest failure, Arizona went on a

three-week trip to Australia and New Zealand and played 10 exhibi-

Arizona's coach, Lote Olson, and several of his players say the trip brought the team closer together and united in focus against opponents, either real or imagined both on and off the court.

"When you have the people as critical as we have to deal with, it tends to get you to circle the wagous and you tend to become closer as a group," Olson said after Saturday's game. "When we went to Australia to play, it was the best thing to happen to us, because we could get out of that environment

and have a lot of fun as a group.
"We came back from that trip aware that we've got to be strong for one another. And if we are, we are going to be successful. That trip got it going and when these guys came back to Tucson, from the first day you could see the togetherness."

gether. The way we played all season, we had something special. We're all cohesive. We don't argue.

"I hope this does silence our doubters," he added. "Bot who knows? It doesn't make any differ-

When you have the people as critical as we have to deal with, it tends to get you to circle the wagons and you tend to become closer as a

group. Late Olson, Arizona coach

ence, because come next Saturday there will be only four teams playing in Charlotte, and we're one of

Stoudamire and Arizona's other guard. Khalid Reeves, a senior. have led Arizona to four tournament victories in which the Wildcats have controlled the tempo with their fast-break offense and pesky, in-your-face defense.

Arizona scored comfortable victories over Loyola, 81-55, then Virginia, 71-58, and Louisville, 82-70, before putting Missouri in the tank. Stondamire and Reeves combined for 53 points against the Tigers. Arizona, winner of the Pacific-10

Damon Stoudamire, the junior guard who led Arizona with 27 points against Missouri, said:
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The second half of conference play began with road games at Stan-ford and California the second week in February. Losses there would have made the Wildcats 6-5, a split would have left them 7-4. But Arizona blew away both Stanford, 77-60, and then California, 96-77.

"After that trip, there was no doubt in my mind that these guys were on a mission," Olson said. Arizona has lost just once since then. It was the final game of the

regular season, against conference

and intrastate rival Arizona State The loss again cast doubts over Arizona's readiness for the tourna-But the Wildcats advanced to the Final Four for only the second time in the school's history. Arizona made it to the Final Four in 1988,

but lost its semifinal match to Oklahoma.

This team believes it can go fur-

This is not a team that will go to Charlotte and feel like they've accomplished their goal," Olson said.
"This gets us one step closer to our goal, but I don't think you'll see the team self-satisfied where they are

"This team has the best chemistry that we've had since the '88 team," he said, "and it's a very different team from the '88 team because we didn't have the quickness out front that this team has." Olson added, "I think they've got chance to prove that they are better, but that's got to be done

after the next game, not now." .

**SIDELINES** 

#### Gillooly's Sentencing Is Delayed

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP) — Sentencing for the figure skater Tonya Harding's ex-husband, Jeff Gillooly, has been moved back to July 5.

Gillooly was to have been sentenced Friday for his role in the attack on Harding's rival, Nancy Kerrigan. But the date was changed Monday to allow time for the three others charged in the attack to have their cases

Giliooly pleaded guilty to racketeering. As part of a plea agreement, prosecutors agreed to recommend he be sentenced to two years in prison and fined \$100,000. Under Oregon sentencing guidelines, Gillooly would have to serve 19 months in prison. Under terms of his deal, Gillooly agreed to testify against others in the case. In Oregon, it is routine for people who have made such plea bargains to be sentenced after all pending court actions against others in the case are completed.

#### Becker Return to Davis Cup Cited

FRANKFURT (AP) - Boris Becker will return to Germany's Davis Cup team for the quarterfinal match against Spain, the newspaper Bild reported Tuesday.
"We'll approach Boxis and I have a feeling he will come back," Bild

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quoted Claus Standard, president of the German Teams Federation, as saying. The Germans are likely to stage the July 15-17 Davis Cup quarterfinal in the small town of Halle, on grass.

Germany clinched the Davis Cup title last year without Becker, who refused to play. He also skipped this year's opening World Group match against Austria, which Germany won, 3-2, in Austria last weekend.

#### For the Record

Maurizio Pondriest of Italy, 29, the 1993 cycling World Cup winner, is LA Carrers to have surgery on a slipped disk on Wednesday and will miss the April classics and the Tour of Italy.

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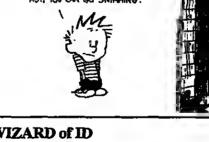








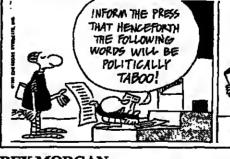








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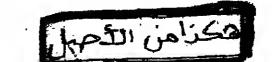




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VALENCIENNES, France -Two of the main witnesses in France's soccer bribery scandal withdrew testimony against the Marseille soccer club owner Ber--nard Tapie during a confrontation before magistrates on Tuesday, sources said.

Former Marseille midfielder Jean-Jacques Eydelie, who has admitted giving a 250,000 franc (\$44,000) bribe to a Valenciennes player, withdrew earlier statements in which he said Tapie tried to put pressure on him to change his testimony about the case.

"My client said today that Bernard Tapie was never involved in this affair," Eydelie's lawyer said. Magistrate Bernard Beffy confirmed "there has indeed been a change in statements by the player and I don't know why."

The Valenciennes club chairman, Michel Coencas, who earlier also implicated Tapie in the alleged attempt to bribe Valenciennes to lose an important match to Mar-- scille in May, said Tuesday he had only let Tapie know that a bribery attempt was under way.

Marseille, the 1993 European champions, was banned from Enropean soccer this season over the bribery scandal.

A triumphant Tapie said after the confrontation that the truth now was emerging. But he re-mained under investigation because of allegations of involvement in the case made by Valenciennes trainer Boro Primorac.

Tapie was placed under investigation for suspected fraud and forgery in a separate case Saturday, which dealt with the finances of nine soccer clubs, including his. He is also under investigation for fraud in yet a third case which deals with his private business affairs.



WRITINGS OF SPRING — Baltimore's Cal Ripkea obliging autograph-seekers before an exhibition game against Toronto. Ripken had two RBIs in the 6-4 victory.

# Johnson Leaves Cowboys in Feud With Owner

IRVING, Texas -- Jimmy Johnson severed his tempestuous five-year relationship with owner Jerry Jones on Tuesday, leaving the Dallas Cowboys and a chance to win an unprecedented third straight Super Bowl.

"After our discussions, we have mutually decided that I would no longer be the head football coach of the Dallas Cowboys," Johnson said, sitting to the right of Jones at the Cowboys' Valley Ranch headquarters

after two days of meetings.

"Personally, it was a time I felt like I needed to pull back some," Johnson said. "I felt I had to be 100 percent totally focused, or I'm not going to be into it like I need to be.

I felt like I was beginning to lose that focus, former Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer.

the Dailas Cowboys." Jones said that it was in the best interests

of everybody concerned.

the team owner said, before thanking Johnson for his service. Their feud began almost as soon as Jones bought the team in 1989, fired Tom Landry

and made Johnson the coach. It boiled over last week at the NFL meetings in Orlando, Florida. After a perceived

snub by Johnson, Jones suggested in an early morning barroom conversation that he would fire his coach and replace him with

next morning.

Switzer was one of the possible successor along with Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz There are no negatives when you look at and defensive coordinator Butch Davis. Davis has never been a head coach at any level would be the most likely successor for reasons of continuity.

This boiled down to a personal thing between Jimmy and Jerry, Davis said. "It was nothing about football, it was nothing about management. This was personal." Many of the differences have stemmed

and because of that I'm no longer coach of Johnson, infuriated, left the meetings the mate at Arkansas in the early 1960s, to be known as "a football guy." Jones said during the week preceding the Cowboys' 30-13 win over Buffalo in January that he had the ability to coach the team.

> Then, he added fuel to the fend by suggestand has been with Johnson since his days at ing this week that there were numerous other Oklahoma State, but at this late date he coaches capable of taking the Cowboys to the Super Bowl considering the stockpile of

Johnson's departure, however, may lead to the defection of some of that talent including linebacker Ken Norton, fullback Daryl Johnston, wide receiver Alvin Harper and offensive linemen Nate Newton and Kevin

# **Arsenal Gains** Advantage in Draw With PSG

Arsenal emerged as favorite to hit the target.

ach the European Cup Winners' Police detained about 200 peoreach the European Cup Winners'
Cup final when they held Paris-St.
Germain to a 1-1 draw in the first

Police detained about 200 people, many of them English fans, outside the Parc des Princes before leg of their semifinal Tuesday at the the match. Parc des Princes stadium in Paris.

The London side took the lead through England international striker Ian Wright, who scored his 31st goal of the season after 35 minntes. France's David Ginela equalized 15 minutes later.

Arsenal not only defended resolutely but also made the better chances and they now only need a 1-0 win, or even a goalless draw, at Highbury in two weeks to go through to the final on May 4.

Wright, left out of Arsenal's previous two away matches in Europe at Standard Liege and Torino, gave Arsenal the advantage after the English side had battled grimly against the expected flying start from the French league leaders.

But after 35 minutes be glanced home with a excellently taken

Brazilian defeoder Ricardo fouled Alan Smith and when Paul Davis curled in the free kick, the

French defenders inexplicably allowed Wright, Smith and Steve Bould to run beyond them. Wright applied the final touch beyond goalkeeper Bernard Lama's despairing dive.

Paris-St. Germain replied with a barrage of corners and when they won a free kick on the right, Ginola's header was only just off the

minutes after the restart following a relentless opening burst in the A series of corners produced soaring beaders by Ricardo and

"It was a preventive sweep to avoid trouble," a police spokesman said. "Most of them were drunk and had no tickets anyway."

Benfica 2, Parma I: In Lisbon. Rui Costa celebrated his 22d birthday by setting up one goal and scoring another as Benfica beat the holders of the Cup Winners' Cap. Costa struck the winner in the 60th minute to give the Lisbon team a narrow advantage for the

trip to Italy for the second leg.
A superb piece of skill from the midfielder led to Benfica going ahead after only seven minutes.

Costa weaved his way past three

defenders on the left flank before threading a perfectly weighted pass for striker Isaias to beat the offside trap and finish with a low shot from just inside the box.

With the action flowing from end-to-end, Parma equalized six minutes later after the Benfica defense failed to clear on the edge of their box. The ball was squared to the unmarked Gianfranco Zola and the Italian midfielder blasted it into the net from 16 yards.

Salzburg 0, Karlsruhe 0: Casino Salzburg failed to capitalize on the home-field advantage as they were held to a bruising standoff by the German side Karlsrube in a UEFA Cup match that saw seven book-

But it was the no-nonsense Ger-The French team leveled five mans who were left berating themselves the loudest after the 0-0 semifinal first leg encounter.

They had five men booked and three of them — Russian Valeri Schmarov, Gunther Metz and Mi-Weah, which were both chaal Wittwer - will miss the redesperately close to finding the net.

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For the Good of Soccer, Stop the Folly

PARIS — Open letter to the soccer authorities in Germany and England: Gentlemen, the time has come to acknowledge that sports cannot be played in a vacuum

Surely you sense the depth of feel-ings aroused by Hughes 🗪 the forthcoming auniversary of a

duty must be to abandon the proposed Germany-England soccer game in Berlin? It was insensitive to the point of insanity to schedule the game on Hitler's birth date, April 20. It was evident when Hamburg relinquished responsibility for the game that the threats of neo-Nazi and anti-Nazi extremists will pursue this so-called friendly encounter as an excuse

for vile entenchment of their causes. How can you think violence will not travel from Hamburg to Berlin? How did you officials feel it less provactive to move the unwanted game to the stadium that Hitler built as a showcase for his 1936 Olympic Games?

We expected better of the German soccer federation, known by its initials, DFB. We cannot believe your statement that "the DFB is not responsible for things that may happen outside the stadium."

Not responsible? What an odious ring that has. The Nazis hid behind such words.

I do not identify football administrators with Hitlerian criminality. Yet they are irresponsible to ignore history and ignore the new fanaticism. You defend your "democratic right" to play wherever, whenever friendly nations consent. Something similar was said in May 1938 when, in the same Berlin Olympic arena, English and German soccer teams stood side by side, giving

the Nazi salute as a fraternal gesture. The war soon followed. Our modern world sought, two weeks ago, a symbol of peace in a soccer match played in Sarajevo. We all saluted that, just as some of us applauded last winter when two Irelands, north and south, played a World Cup qualifying match in Belfast despite the terrorist threat there.

The issue then was clear. Belfast lives with strife, its security is tested whether or not games are played. The calculated risk gave the Irish people hope through sport; the signal went out that soccer is not available as a propaganda

profit and Germany's World Cup preparation. Any other time and place is fine. April 20 is, we are told, the only day in the sporting calendar on which the teams can get together. Phoey! Call the thing off. Peruse the letters pages of serious newspapers, from The Times of London

to journals in America, Canada, Belgium, France, the Netberlands. The divisions of men and women who served in World War II are still so emotive that they are outraged at sugges-E Day (May 8) and D-day (June 6). Those of us born after the war can let bygones be bygones because we never experienced such borror firsthand. But many members of

the generation that raised us cannot, will not, forgive or forget.

Nor will they condone an inflammatery, unaccessary game in a place and on an anniversa-

Hamburg opted out of the soccer match between Germany and England. Nuremberg considered it and declined. Berlin, for reasons of its own politics and unrest, feels it can exploit the publicity value of staging the game.

ry made the excuse for splinter groups, right and left, to engage in violence. Human wounds reopened after half a century run deeper than the scope of sport. But sportsmen are members of the buman race, and should not be asked, certainly oot compelled, to play a focal part for recruiting things to the supposed "Battle of the Century" planned by neo-Nazis against anarchist leftists.

Hamburg opted out of the soccer match between Germany and England. Nuremberg considered it and declined. Berlin, for reasons of its own politics and unrest, feels it can exploit the publicity value of staging the game. Because of this, Berlin has had a foretaste of hooliganism. The offices of the soccer federa-

Berlin on April 20 is an option. The match is booliganism. The offices of the soccer federa-effectively an exhibition, played for prestige, tion there were descrated — windows were

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smashed smoke bombs thrown in walls daubed with protest graffiti.

"Security oficials have told us that hooligans from around Europe - England, France, the Netherlands - are planning to meet in Berlin and take on right-wing extremists around the game," said Reiner Gentz of the Berlin soccer

But Gentz insists: "We are going on with it. Switching the game would be a climb down for democracy, the right wingers would come any way. We are planning the occessary security. Stop! Sport is not acceptable as a catalyst to violence threatening life and limb and civil order. The idea poisons the very concept of

sporting exchange. So please reverse your decision to play this unfortunate affair. Allow the Ministry of the Interior to disarm the 600 border guards and the 4,000 policemen being massed for a suppos-edly prestigious hour and a half of play.

It is not in democracy's interests to hold an event that has been interpreted as an invitation to war games. No cinema, no dance hall, no theater would remain open in the face of such a

dire threat. April 20 is no longer a friendly soccer date. It is the excuse to attach sinister mania, close to war, to sport. For the good of Berlin's citizens, the good of soccer and the conscience of your official selves, pull the plug on this now.

Climbing down is never easy. Those who cherish sports, who share your assertion that soccer is a democratic right, agree that the fabric of our way of life and of recreation is harmed by the dilemma you face.

But the mistake was yours, the date agreed in ignorance. Do not now compound that with misplaced pride or stubborness, which could

have lethal consequences. Read, and read again, the pamphlets circulated in Germany and beyond, calling for the mother of all riots in Berlin on April 20. Think of the warning of a rehearsal threatened by the leftists determined to march in Berlin on April 9. Jürgen Kleemann, the Berlin minister for sports, presumably has weighed all of this. Yet he states, "We know there are risks, but we are

confident the police can control any problems." Control at what cost, and to what end? One death will not be forgiven by thinking people of any generation. Do not assume your responsi-bility ends at the stadium walls. Abandon, gentlemen, while ye may, and while your hands are relatively clean.

Rob Hughes is on the staff of The Times.

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By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — The Demo-crats may be brain-dead, but the Republicans are now entering the Robespierre phase of their conservative revolution, which means the end is near for them too.

After that we can all enjoy gov-ernment by PAC (shorthand for political action committee), a system under which gangs of the wellto-do, both corporate and rich, pool money to buy congressmen. People who are not well-to-do will

probably have to join the political equivalent of those cockamamic "aliances" proposed in the Clinton health-care bill to reduce the insurance industry's power to punish the sick, the infirm and the dying.

I began to suspect the Republicans were deep into Robespierre mode when their last national convention, with Ronald Reagan in the wings waiting to go on, let Patrick Buchanan keep talking until prime time ran out.

Here was an entire political party on national television, and it had Reagan, the greatest vote-getter since Eisenhower, maybe since Franklin Roosevelt, waiting to speak to the whole darn United States, and it kept him waiting! And waiting and waiting while a newspaper columnist hogged every last minute of prime time.

This, friends, was evidence of a political party with an an instinct for

There has been more since. Consider the sudden rise to eminence of that unreconstructed Texas dinosaur, Senator Phil Gramm, not just as chairman of the party's Senate campaign committee, but also as a possible presidential candidate.

What Bella Abzug used to be to the Democratic Party, Gramm is to the Republican; to wit, a powerful instrument for rousing the devout and for terrifying the other 90 percent of political humanity.

A recent New York Times story about the cruel treatment being given former Senator Barry Goldwater makes it ominously clear that the spirit of Robespierre infests the par-

ty, making it ripe for cataclysm. Goldwater is the father of Republican conservatism. He fought the impossible campaign of 1964, took a terrible beating from Lyndon Johnson, and in the process created a

new enthusiasm among Republi-cans for what came to be called

What fun Democrats had running gainst him that year! His campaign slogan was, "In your heart you know he's right." Democrats scratched out the word "right," and wrote in

Now, 30 years later, the children of his revolution are through with him. They accuse him of being soft on Clinton, soft on homosexuals soft on the abortion issue. They want his name taken off the Barry Goldwater Center in Phoenix, off the high school in Deer Valley, the boulevard in Scottsdale, the airport wing in Phoenix, the engineering center at Arizona State University.

Robespierre, of course, didn't have to send the original makers of the French Revolution to the guillotine. Most of them had already been chopped, or had fled the country, by the time he came to power.

In his zeal to preserve the revolution's purity, however, he used the guillotine so tirelessly that eventually no one, not even his closest allies, felt safe. At the end everybody was so scared of losing his head that Robespierre was seized in a mass uprising of the terrified.

His jaw was shattered, which made it hard to plead his case, and before he could do so they dispatched him with a drop of the blade, and the steam went out of the Revolution.

Revolutionaries who had survived had lost the old zest for packing the tumbrils with absolutely everyone suspected of deviating from the orthodoxy of the moment.

The Republican Party has formany years now been loading its own into the tumbrils. The offense: deviation from the orthodox conservative line. The habit began, ironically, at the 1964 convention which nominated Goldwater; conservatives who despised Nelson Rockefeller made it almost impossible for him to speak.

Since then there has been a long list of distinguished Republicans shunted out of power positions in Congress and even discouraged from continuing in politics. Now it is Barry Goldwater's turn. The founder, kaput! The end is surely

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# Eugene Ionesco's 'Theater of Derision'

By Mei Gussow New York Times Service
UGENE IONESCO, whose innovative plays revolutionized the contemporary theater, devastatingly satirized modern society while discovering new uses

of language and theatrical techniques. In-spired by silent film clowns and vaude-ville, he was a playful playwright, clownish in his own personality as well as in his work onstage. With outraseous comedy, Ionesco, who

died in Paris Monday at the age of 84, attacked the most serious subjects: blind conformity and totalitarianism, despair and death. Repeatedly he challenged — and accosted — the audience and his critics. As he said, "The human drama is as absurd as it is painful."

Along with Samuel Beckett and Jean

Genet. Ionesco was one of a trinity of pioneering experimental playwrights who lived and worked in Paris. Although there were thematic bridges among the three. Ionesco's distinction was in his fanciful surrealism and sense of Dada. He had a profound effect on younger

playwrights, including Tom Stoppard, Fernando Arrabal, Edward Albee, Tina Howe and Christopher Durang. Ionesco was among the playwrights often grouped as practitioners of the Theater of the Absurd. He objected to the label, preferring, he said, the Theater of Derision.

In his work, he turned drawing-room comedy on its head ("The Bald Soprano"), had a stage filled with empty chairs ("The Chairs") and transformed man into beast

("Rhinoceros").
Although his playwriting career did not begin until he was 40, he wrote 28 plays as well as several books of memoirs. Throughout his career, he was an imaginative iconoclast who could create the most bizarre imagery.

"Rhinoceros," in its 1961 Broadway production, proved to be his breakthrough play, enriched by Zero Mostel's virtuosic performance, in which he transmogrified himself from man to rhinoceros without

altering his makeup or costume. Roaring, bellowing, hilarious, Mostel put the playwright on the international theatrical map, and "Rhinoceres" ran for 241 performances. But the play was only one of many that insured Ionesco's stature.

Despite his reputation for controversy, he saw himself as a preserver of theater, a classicist and "a supreme realist." He insisted that he wrote archetypes, not stereo-

As he said in 1958, "I believe that the aim of the avant-garde should be to rediscover -not invent -in their purest state. the permanent forms and forgotten ideals of the theater." He added: "I make no



Playwright Ionesco as "The Bald Soprano" went into its 21st year in Paris.

claim to have succeeded in this. But others will succeed, and show that all truth and reality is classical and eternal."

He was "the Molière of the 20th centu ry," said Rosette C. Lamont, the author of "lonesco's Imperatives: The Politics of Culture" (Michigan University Press, 1993) and an acknowledged authority on Ionesco's work. "Like Molière in his late plays," she continued, "in Ionesco's plays, there is a seamless amalgam of the comic and tragic." In her eyes, he was a master of "metaphysical farce," an oxymoron

that the playwright accepted as accurate. Ionesco was born in Slatina, Romania, on Nov. 26, 1909, although he took three years off his age and claimed 1912 as his birth year, presumably because he wanted to have made his name before the age of 40. His father was Romanian, his mother

French. As a child, he lived in Paris.
In an article titled "Experience in the Theater," he remembered his introduction to a world that would preoccupy him for a lifetime. The puppet show in Luxembourg Gardens fascinated him, as the puppets

#### In His Own Manner of Speaking

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Here is a sample of lonesco's dialogue: Mrs. Martin; I can buy a pocketknife for my brother, but you can't buy Ireland for

your grandfather. Mr. Smith: One walks on his feet, but one heats with electricity or coal.

Mr. Martin: He who sells an ox today,

will have an egg tomorrow. Mrs. Smith: In real life, one must look out of the window.

Mrs. Mortin: One can sit down on a chair, when the chair doesn't have any. Mr. Smith: One must always think of everything,

Mr. Martin: The ceiling is above, the floor

Mrs. Smith: When I say yes, it's only a nanner of speaking.

Mrs. Martin: To each his own. - From "The Bald Soprano" (1950) "talked, moved, clubbed each other." It was, he said, "the spectacle of the world itself . . . presented itself to me in an infinitely simplified and caricatured form, as if

to underline its grotesque and brutal truth." "The Bald Soprano" (La Cantatrice Chauve) was inspired by his own attempts to learn English by using an English-French conversational manual. Copying out phrases, be realized he was relearning obvious truths, that there are seven days in a week and that the ceiling is above, the floor week and that the ceiling is above, the 100r below. Carrying that premise to ridiculous, word-spinning heights, he wrote his first play — and no bald soprano appeared onstage. An actor improvised those words, and Ionesco seized upon them and changed the play's title from "English Made Easy."

The play was intended, he said, as "a needed of hyman behavior and therefore as "a needed of hyman behavior and the profession and the profession as "a needed of hyman behavior and the profession and the profe

parody of human behavior and therefore a parody of theater, too." Presented in 1950 at the tiny Théâtre des Noctambules in Paris, it received some initially hostile reviews but became the catapult for his career. More than 40 years later, the play is

still running in another theater in Paris.
"Rhinoceros" brought him his widest
public. Jean-Louis Barrault starred in the
play in Paris and Laurence Olivier in London. But it was the Broadway production. directed by Joseph Anthony and starring Zero Mostel and Eli Wallach, that brought him his greatest celebrity. Mostel later started in an unsuccessful film version of the play, directed by Tom O'Horgan. "Rhinoceros" and other plays charted the progress of Ionesco's Everyman, a character named Berenger.

Throughout his life, he said he was apolitical, a fact he often disproved in his plays, especially those in his later period, like "A Stroll in the Air," (a cosmic walk with reference to World War II and the Holocaust) and "Man With Bags," a play about exile, in which a traveler is adrift in a world without place names. (Is there life vithout geography?)

His last play, "Journeys Among the Dead" was scheduled to be performed at the Guggenheim Museum in 1980 but nev-

lonesco also wrote a novel ("The Hermit") and short stories, dramatic theory ("Notes and Counter Notes"), memoirs and fairy tales for children. He also painted and made lithographs; in the 1980s he stopped writing plays, and devoted much of his time to painting and exhibiting his

In his early 20s, he wrote about his reasons for wanting to be a writer: "To allow others to share in the astonishment of being, the dazzlement of existence, and to shout to God and other human beings our anguish, letting it be known that we were there."

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#### **PEOPLE**

Japanese Arts Patron Moves Into Dalí's Seat

Yosoji Kobayashi, the Japanese arts patron, will be inducted into the Academic des Beaux-Arts in Paris Wednesday, taking the seat formerly occupied by Salvador Dali. Elected an associate member of the academy in 1990, Kobayashi has been prominent in promoting cultural exchanges between France and Japan, sponsoring many exhibitions of French and other Western painters in the principal Japanese museums, among them shows of Fragonard, Matisse, Boucher and Monet in the 1980s.

Gianni Versace is in New York, not to parade his fashion designs but to promote a book he has put together about them. The coffeetable tome, featuring photographs of his fashion creations interspersed with essays, is called "De-signs." Published by Abbeville Press, it has an haute-couture price

The mane of hair is gone and the leopard-skin pants are history, but David Lee Roth — 39, baldish and wearing looser clothes — is happy in the here and now. "The '80s were fun while they lasted," said the former lead singer for Van Halen. "But it's not something I long for. It was an expendable time. Now and here is where the most challenge is for me."

Mort Sahl, who rose to fame making fun of the administration of Dwight D. Eisenhower, does not exactly suffer from nostalgia. "The 50s were rigid, uptight and sanitized for your protection," the co-median said in The New York Times. "All I remember was that everything good you had to sneak in in a plain brown wrapper," he said. He recalled that the first big laugh he got at the hungry i, in San Francisco, was in 1954, "when the House Un-American Activities Committee was going after Holly-wood. I said, Every time the Russians throw someone in jail, we throw someone in too, just to show them they can't get away with it.'

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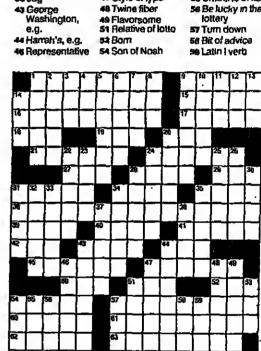
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